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fire. This Mr. Seward proposes to accomplish, first by making the fire-rooms perfectly fire-proof; next by providing means of working machinery by steam so as to extinguish a fire, to be controlled when it is necessary from the deck instead of below; also by making the furnace drafts when used so that the drafts can be shut off by a person standing upon deck; and finally, by arranging so that a fire below decks may be put out by means employed from the deck. Such, in brief, I understand to be the provisions of a bill which certainly demands prompt consideration; and the Senator, by engaging in the effort to procure its passage into a law, furnishes another evidence that he is not unmindful of the details of a Senator's duty as the representative of a traveling community.

Gen. Simon Cameron, United States Senator elect from Pennsylvania, arrived here to-night, and is stopping at the National Hotel, where he has already been called upon by a host of congratulating friends. He looks exceedingly well, and not at all disquieted by the fight through which he has just passed so successfully.

There is a rumor in town that Commodore Vanderbilt is making a very strong effort to secure the election of his son to the Senate from New-Jersey, vice Mr. Thompson, whose term expires on the 4th of March next. Friends of the parties seem to think the Commodore will succeed in securing the coveted honors for his son,—but I do not get any other evidence of the probability of such an event.

Senator Seward gave a very brilliant party at his house last evening. Among the notables present were Judge McLean, Speaker Banks, Mr. Brockett and the leading members of both Houses. S.

Supreme Court of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15, 1857.

Pierre Felix Cairon and Maria J. T. Cairon, claimants and appellants, vs. *Laurent Millaudon*, syndic of Alexander Lamego and others, appellees.—From the Eastern District of Louisiana.—This was a bill to set aside a sale of slaves in 1834, under the act of insolvency. The father of claimants asked to surrender his property for the benefit of his creditors, which was agreed to, and the defendants became the purchasers at the sale. The debts were estimated at $171,000—the assets at $127,000. About $60,000 of a mortgage debt remained unpaid, and this bill was filed to set aside the sales.

Held by the Court, (Justice Nelson delivering the opinion of the Court,) that on a surrender of the property under the insolvent laws of Louisiana, the estate immediately vests in the creditors *sub mode*—to be disposed of by the syndics.

A Court of Equity, in setting aside a deed, does it on terms, and requires the return of the purchase money. A Court of Law acts differently, and looks only to the deed itself.

The decree below affirmed. R. Hunt, Esq., for the appellants, and Hon. Mr. Benjamin for appellees.

Benj. F. Morgan, plaintiff in error, vs. *Custenneux & Grimesh*.—The Court, on its own motion, suggested a diminution of the record, and ordered a *certiorari* to issue, directing a new transcript to be sent up. Chief-Justice Taney delivering the opinion of the Court.

Augustus Hemenway, claimant of ship *Independence*, vs. *Wm. R. Fisher*, libelant.—The discussion of this case was concluded to-day by Mr. Bartlett—Messrs. Dixon and Louisse appearing for appellant. The *Independence* lay at anchor off Cape Cod, in the open sea, dismasted and exposed to danger—all her boats stove, and having on board a cargo valued at $200,000. The libellant's steamer was employed to leave the port and go to the assistance of the *Independence*, which she did, and returned to port again, towing the disabled vessel. The Circuit Court awarded $7,500 damages as salvage. The defence is, that nothing was due as salvage, but only a *quantum meruit*. The case turns upon the facts appearing in the record.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

Case No. 47.—The arguments, on both sides, were continued to-day.

The United States Court of Claims.

Nothing of interest in the Court of Claims to-day. LEX.

Fifth Annual Meeting of the United States Agricultural Society.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1857.

We are much pleased to find an increased interest attendant upon this meeting of our National Agricultural Society, and the real power of the farming interest so appreciated by politicians and men of influence, as to secure the presence and support of the President of the United States, Secretary of the Treasury, and numbers of our most distinguished Senators. The meeting was called to order at 10½ A. M., President Marshall P. Wilder, of Massachusetts, in the Chair, supported on the right by Franklin Pierce, and on the left by Gov. Johnson, of Tennessee.

The first business in order was the resignation of W. S. King, Secretary, and Ben: Perley Poore, of wheelbarrow fame—appointed *pro tem*. The President delivered his usual address, by which we learn that the attendance at the Philadelphia Fair amounted in a single day to 70,000 persons. The receipts were over $40,000; expenses about the same. The result has demonstrated that these monster exhibitions are not only self-supporting, but actually profitable. The President drew the attention of the Society to the more important results of the late Fair at Philadelphia, and enumerated, amongst others, the exhibition of the Sorghe, or Chinese Sugar-Cane, and the Report of the Discretionary Premium Committee. It will be remembered by your readers that this Committee awarded none of the premiums assigned to their province, but presented, instead, a protest against the present custom of awarding premiums to machines and agricultural implements, which are seen by the Committee in a perfectly passive state, and under such disadvantages of want of time and incompetency of the Committees, that a reliable award can seldom be given, and earnestly recommended the institution by the Society of a *great national trial of implements in the field*.

The President fully indorsed the action and views of the Committee, and urged the appointment of a Committee to consider. He alluded to the importance of the agricultural interest of the country, the want of Governmental patronage, and the necessity for the erection of a Department at Washington, with a Secretary of equal rank with the other Cabinet officers.

A unanimous vote of thanks was voted, on motion of Mr. Dyer of Connecticut.

Mr. B. B. French, of the District of Columbia, moved the reference of the President's address to Committees, which were appointed by the chair.

Mr. Calvert, of Maryland, objected to the monstrous expenses of exhibitions; said the exhibitions were not superior to those of State Societies, and that they, even when most successful, were but shows of cattle and horses, and fell far short of the real purposes of the Society.

His views were opposed by Mr. Harrison, of Philadelphia, and Hon. Humphrey Marshall, of Kentucky.

It was intimated that propositions for the location of the Fair had been made by different cities, which were referred to Messrs. Harrison, of Pennsylvania; John Jones, of Delaware; Kellogg, of Massachusetts; Richardson, of New-York, and George Hartshorne of New-Jersey.

The matter of the proposed *National Field Trial* of implements was referred to a Committee composed of Gen. Tench Tilghman, of Maryland; Jno. D. Lang, of Maine; J. T. Wardet, of Springfield, Ohio; G. E. Waring, Jr., of New-York; Henry S. Olcott, of New-York. They were invested with full powers to communicate with manufacturers, inventors and municipal authorities throughout the United States, and arrange preliminaries for such exhibition.

On motion of Col. Kennedy, of Maryland, and seconded by Major Poore, of Massachusetts, Mr. George Peabody, the eminent American Banker, was elected honorary member, and special Representative of the Society to the Royal Societies of England and France.

The Chair appointed a Committee to make every possible investigation into the value of the sorghe, and report at next meeting: Messrs. D. J. Browne, of the Patent Office; Gov. Hammond, of South Carolina; Col. Richard Peters, of Georgia; Mr. Hyde, of Massachusetts, and Hart, of Kentucky.

The question of the erection of a Department of Agriculture arising, it was warmly advocated by Messrs. John Jones of Delaware, Chas. Calvert of Maryland, and Col. Kennedy.

Mr. Lewis moved the appointment of a Committee to examine and report on the points deciding the excellence of cattle and other animals, and controlling the action of Judges at Fairs.

Mr. Calvert objected, on the ground of impracticability.

Mr. Dyer referred to the selection of incompetent judges.

Mr. H. S. Olcott claimed that no mere published table of rules to control such decisions could compensate for want of practical fitness.

Mr. Calvert supported this view, and urged that the points of the cattle should be daguerreotyped in the judgment of the committees.

Mr. Benson, of Maine, in a forcible and sensible speech, hoped the resolution would pass.

After the transaction of other minor business, the Society adjourned until to-morrow.

In the evening, Rev. Dr. Mosers, of Baltimore, lectured before the Society, on the subject of "Entomology."

SECOND DAY.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 15, 1857.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M., Hon. W. L. Underwood, of Kentucky, in the chair.

Col. Kennedy, of Maryland, pronounced an eloquent eulogy upon the worth and services of President Wilder, and was greeted with marks of hearty approbation on the part of the meeting. The report of the Committee on Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year was read. Officers chosen were as follow:

President—Marshall P. Wilder, of Massachusetts.

Secretary—Major Ben Perley Poore.

Treasurer—B. B. French, Esq.

and the usual number of Vice-Presidents, one from each State and Territory. The report was unanimously adopted, and the persons chosen declared elected.

Mr. Wilder made a most happy address upon his connection with the Society, expressed his willingness to do and die in the cause of Agricultural Reform, and said that, if after death the constituent elements of his mortal frame could but nourish some plant or fair flower, his chiefest wish would be gratified. He was frequently interrupted by outbreaks of applause, and at the conclusion of his remarks was loudly cheered.

Votes of thanks were given respectively to Wm. S. King, Esq., the late Secretary, the municipal authorities of Philadelphia, the local Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, John McGowan, Esq., late Assistant Secretary, and C. W. Harrison, Esq., late Assistant Treasurer.

The Committee on locating the next Fair of the Society, reported in favor of Louisville, Ky., the Agricultural Society, of which district, through Secretary Guthrie and Hon. Humphrey Marshall, both of Kentucky, offer the use of their grounds, free of expense, and guarantee an indemnity fund of *Thirty Thousand Dollars* to insure the United States Society against loss. This is a most liberal offer, on the part of Kentucky, and is a new proof of the growing consequence of this Society. The fact of the matter is that the farmers are being looked upon in the true light, that of the most important body in the country, and if their own eyes could but be opened they would not only possess, but be able to see, their influence for the furtherance of our national glory.

Hon. Mr. Underwood, of Kentucky, with prefatory remarks, introduced a resolution in favor of the purchase of Mount Vernon for the Establishment of a National Farm School. The gallant Col. Kennedy, of Maryland, seconded the motion. Chas. Calvert, Esq., of the same State, concurred, and prophesied the certain support for agricultural institutions by the people. Mr. Lewis, of Massachusetts, spoke for the North in favor of it. Dr. Berger, of Philadelphia, thought it should be a Polytechnic School. Mr. G. E. Waring, of New-York, urged the idea that such an institution would be an hospital for decayed politicians. Messrs. Byington, of Connecticut, and Bradford, of California, promised the concurrence of their several States. Hon. Ensign Kellogg, of Massachusetts, very justly remarked that the incipient power of the Society should be concentrated upon the great question of a separate Department at the seat of Government, and that this once established, the purchase of Mount Vernon and the erection of a National Polytechnic School would naturally ensue. Mr. Underwood, of Kentucky, in a thrilling and patriotic speech urged the passage of the resolution. The matter was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Underwood, of Kentucky, G. W. P. Custis, of Virginia, and Benson, of Maine.

A circular letter to foreign societies and agriculturists was voted to be given to Mr. French, of N. H. A splendid bouquet of flowers was received by the President, from Prof. Chas. Page, of Washington. On report of the Committee, previously appointed, the Society concurred in the views of the Commissioner of Patents, as to insuring greater uniformity and accuracy in the returns of agricultural statistics, and voted that a copy of his views and their concurrence be sent to the Governors of our several States and Territories. The Committee appointed yesterday to examine the large collection of fruits received from an Agricultural Society in Oregon, reported that many of the fruits had been misnamed, that they were of extraordinary size, in some instances, but their character, owing to this confusion of names, could not be accurately ascertained. The Chair next called up the question of the Sugar Sorghe, and it was discussed in a most interesting manner by Messrs. D. J. Browne of the Patent Office, Commiss of Maryland, Dr. Antisell, of District Columbia, Underwood of Kentucky, Waring and Olcott of New-York. The facts arrived at showed its vast importance and the report of the Committee appointed to make thorough investigations during the present year will be looked for with great interest. We are requested to state that any inquiries concerning the mode of cultivation and applications for seed may be addressed to D. J. Browne, Esq., Patent Office, Washington, and will be answered by that gentleman so far as lies in his power. Our limits do not permit further mention of this matter in the present letter, but reference will be made hereafter to the claims of the Sorghe to the consideration of American farmers. O.

THIRD DAY.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

The United States Agricultural Society to-day passed resolutions thanking the Regents of the Smithsonian Institute for the use of their rooms, and Lieut. Maury for his invitation to visit the Observatory, and appointing a Committee of five to inquire into the origin of the disease known as hog cholera.

A paper, on phosphorus in its relations to the animal and vegetable kingdom, by Prof. Webster, of Portsmouth, Va., was read and referred to the Executive Committee.

Charles L. Flint, of Massachusetts, delivered an address on the subject of Grasses, showing at length how they should be sown and cultivated.

Professor Henry gave an account of the operations of the Smithsonian Institute and the Patent Office.

Dr. Newberry delivered an address on agricultural inducements in Oregon and California, which he considered far less than those of the valley of the Mississippi.

A motion to buy sufficient Chinese sugar cane to plant one hundred acres was adopted.

A report by Mr. Jones, of Delaware, in favor of petitioning Congress to grant $500,000 in lands to each State, for the establishment of an Agricultural University, was informally passed over.

The same gentleman, from the committee appointed at the last annual meeting, then made a report on the subject of Agriculture, with various recommendations, which was adopted.

A resolution offered by Dr. Newberry, recommending geological surveys in the States, was adopted.

Messrs. C. B. Calvert, G. W. P. Custis, B. B. French and D. Jay Browne, of Washington, were appointed a committee to memorialize Congress in favor of establishing an Agricultural Department.

Mr. Custis then delivered an eloquent closing address; and after a vote of thanks to the President, Mr. Wilder, who responded, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

XXXIVth Congress---Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

DESERTIONS FROM THE NAVY, ETC.

The Senate took up Mr. Houston's resolution, calling on the Secretary of the Navy to state what number of desertions from the Navy had taken place since the passage of the act to promote the efficiency of that branch of the public service, &c.

Mr. Mallory objected to its adoption as being a needless exposure of transactions which have gone beyond the control of the Navy Department and the Senate.

Mr. Houston contended that these matters ought to be brought to light, so that if the action of the Naval Board was good, it could be made manifest to the country, and if the contrary was the case, it ought equally to be known.

CLAIMS OF REVOLUTIONARY OFFICERS.

The resolution was laid aside for the special order, being the bill providing for the settlement of claims of the officers of the Revolution.

Mr. Toombs said he intended to make the bill as odious as possible, and to that end he indicated various amendments, including one to compensate the Revolutionary soldiers for the depreciation in continental money in which they were paid. As a test question he moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of the bill, which was lost by a vote of 19 against 29.

Mr. Pugh moved the postponement of the consideration of the bill until the first Monday in December next.

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bayard, Bigler, Brown, Butler, Cass, Clay, Dodge, Douglas, Fitzpatrick, Houston, Hunter, Johnson, Jones of Iowa, Mallory, Pugh, Rusk, Sebastian, Slidell, Stuart, Toombs, Toucey and Weller—24.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bayard, Bell of N. H., Bell of Tenn., Broadhead, Collamer, Crittenden, Durkee, Evans, Fessenden, Fish, Foote, Foster, Geyer, James, Mason, Pratt, Seward, Thompson of Ky., Trumbull, Wade, Wilson and Wright—23.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SENATOR.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a letter from the President of the Joint Convention of the Pennsylvania Legislature giving information relative to the election of Mr. Cameron as Senator.

Several private bills were passed, when the Senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

The House was engaged in the consideration of private bills, thirteen of which were passed.

REFUSAL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Ehlert, rising to a question of privilege, offered a preamble setting forth that Joseph L. Chester had been duly summoned before the Corruption Investigating Committee, and had neglected to appear; and concluding with the resolution that the Speaker issue his warrant directed to the Sergeant-at-Arms, commanding him to take into custody the body of the said Chester wherever found, and the same forthwith bring to the bar of the House to answer for contempt of its authority.

Mr. Florence inquired, where was the authority for all this?

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, believing that the House had no such power, moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Paine demanded the yeas and nays.

Mr. McMullin regarded this as a very important question, and time should be afforded to look into it. His motion to adjourn received a decided negative.

At the instance of Mr. Orr, the precept addressed by the Speaker to the Sergeant-at-Arms, commanding the latter to summon Chester, was read.

The precept was returned by the Sergeant-at-Arms, with the indorsement that he had served the summons on the 14th inst.

Mr. Orr was permitted to make a statement. He said the Committee had not acted in this matter without looking fully into the authorities, which they thought fully sustained them in the application they had made. A case occurred in 1611 or 1612 to this effect: A party applied to Lewis Williams, a member of the House, and proposed to pay him a pecuniary consideration to make a favorable report on a certain bill. Mr. Williams brought the fact to the attention of the House, which ordered the arrest of the party, in the language of the resolution now before the House, which the present Committee copied from proceedings in that case. The party was brought before the House, and after trial was reprimanded only by the Speaker of the House because there were mitigating circumstances. After his discharge from custody he instituted an action against the Sergeant-at-Arms for false imprisonment. The case was tried in the United-States Circuit Court and decided against the plaintiff, and on appeal to the Supreme Court that tribunal decided that the House had the power to act as it had done, and that it was properly exercised. The Sergeant-at-Arms was protected, and the complaint dismissed. The witness in the present case was subpœnaed, but failed to appear. If the House had not the power to enforce the attendance of witness, the investigation was a mockery, and he (Orr) should not continue a member of the Committee. If it had not the power to enforce recusants to testify to facts within their knowledge, the investigation would fall to the ground.

Mr. Brown wished to make a statement relative to Mr. Chester, but Mr. Jones (Tenn.) said they wanted to hear nothing about him now.

Mr. Harris, (Ill.)—When the witness purges himself of the contempt I will hear the explanation.

Cries of Hear, Hear.

Mr. Brown—I was informed this morning that Mr. Chester was sick, and unable to be present before the Committee. I would ask the Committee whether they can produce evidence that Mr. Chester refused to appear?

Mr. Paine—That is of no consequence to the matter before the House.

The House refused to lay the resolution on the table, and then passed it nearly unanimously.

Adjourned.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 16.

REMONSTRANCES.

Against the International Bridge.

Against the passage of the bill to prevent charcoal burning in Brooklyn.

REPORTS.

By Mr. Wadsworth, favorably, relative to the Court of Sessions, Kings County.

By Mr. Briggs, favorably, on the bill amending the General Manufacturing law.

By Mr. Brooks, favorably, on Mr. Richardson's bill regulating interest on money.

On unsafe buildings in New-York.

Relative to the firemen of Brooklyn.

NOTICES.

By Mr. Spencer, to change the name of the Bleecker-street Presbyterian Church.

By Mr. Kelly, for amending the General Banking law.

By Mr. Upham, to change the name of the Sackett's Harbor Bank, Buffalo, to the Buffalo Bank.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Spencer, relative to party walls.

Relative to orphans and destitute children.

By Mr. Kelly, to amend the charter of the New-York and Erie Railroad.

To amend the charter of the State Agricultural College.

The resolution of Mr. Brooks, giving the thanks of the State and a gold medal to Lieut. Hartstein, for the rescue of Dr. Kane, was then passed unanimously.

Adjourned to Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 16.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

For aid to Kansas.

For a prohibitory liquor law.

The annual Supply Bill for 1856 was reported from the Committee, and was the special order for 12 o'clock.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

To legalize the acts of the New-York Supervisors, Dec. 13, 1855, in raising the salaries of clerks of Police Courts one-sixth.

To incorporate Turnverein, New-York.

To confirm the location of the People's College.

To extend the time for the general collection of taxes except in New-York and Albany.

The annual report of the State Engineer and Surveyor was presented, and shows the total cost of the enlargement of the canals in 1854-5-6 to be $9,174,909 56. The estimated cost of the work which was to be do e after Dec. 31, 1856, $14,250,000.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

To increase justices' fees and to amend the law regarding summary proceedings.

To recover the possession of land.

By Mr. Mabie, to abolish the office of City Judge in New-York.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Hanford, to amend the Brooklyn Consolidation Act.

By Mr. Varnum, to prevent illegal voting.

By Mr. Mabie, to protect the Harbor of New-York. It provides that no coal, ashes, cinders, dirt or filth of any description whatever shall be thrown in any river, bay or slip in the harbor. It imposes a fine of $250 on all masters, pilots, or other persons violating or permitting others on ships over which they have control to violate the law, and authorizes the police to arrest all persons violating the law.

By Mr. Gould, to prevent extortion by Railroad Companies.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Varnum moved that the papers relating to the Commissioners of Emigration, introduced last session, be referred to the Committees of the present House.

Mr. Pennington introduced a resolution making the Judiciary elective; fixing the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals at $5,000, and those of the Supreme Court at $4,000.

Mr. J. J. Owen introduced a joint resolution fixing Tuesday, Feb. 3, at noon, as the time for holding the election for a United States Senator.

Mr. Leavenworth introduced a resolution calling for information on all matters relating to the Fort Byron Canal Enlargement.

Mr. B. Owen introduced a joint resolution condemning renewal of patents, and requesting our Representatives in Congress to oppose all such applications.

Mr. Hogeboom introduced a resolution rescinding the appointment of an additional doorkeeper, and, after debate, it was adopted.

Mr. J. J. Bulleey offered a resolution dismissing all officers of the House not named in the constitution. Laid over.

A resolution was then made to adjourn over till Monday, but was lost.

After some further unimportant business the House adjourned.

Murder.

ALTONA, Friday, Jan. 16.

The body of a murdered man was found in this vicinity yesterday. A letter in his pocket bore the address "Samuel L. Norcross, Dunleith, Ill."

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Friday, Jan. 16.

A resolution was presented in the House today, instructing our Senators to vote for the admission of Kansas as a Free State.

The Democrats hold a caucus this evening, for the nomination of a State Treasurer. The election takes place on Monday.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER.

HARRISBURG, Friday, Jan. 16.

Henry S. Magraw has been nominated in the Democratic caucus, by acclamation, for Treasurer. The bolters, and others, were absent.

Political Rejoicings in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, Friday, Jan. 16.

The Americans and Republicans in this County fired 47 guns this evening in honor of Cameron's election to the Senate.

United States Senator from Missouri.

CHICAGO, Friday, Jan. 16.

A passenger from St. Louis reports that Hon. T. Polk has been elected United States Senator from Missouri, for the long term.

United States Senator from Maine.

AUGUSTA, Friday, Jan. 16.

In our Legislature to-day Hon. Hannibal Hamlin was elected United States Senator for the long term, and Amos Nourse for the short term.

Terrible Riot at Albion, N. Y.

TWO MEN KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED.

ALBION, N. Y., Jan. 16—8 P. M.

A terrible riot is now going on in Main-street, between a party of Americans and a party of Irish. Two men are dead and several others are lying on the ground dangerously wounded. Knives and other weapons are being freely used.

It appears that this is pay-day for the Irish laborers on the Canal. They went in crowds to be paid, and have been drinking all day, and this evening found themselves ripe for a row. We cannot learn that anything but whiskey is at the bottom of the riot. Two Irishmen have been killed, and four Americans so injured that they are not expected to live.

Navigation of the Harbor of Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Jan. 16.

The steamer *Herald* came up from Norfolk today. A large number of vessels were in the Annapolis Roads. Both the New-York steamers had got into Annapolis. There has been no serious damage, so far, to any of the shipping by the ice. The steamer *Georgia* goes to Norfolk to-morrow.

The Weather Eastward.

HARTFORD, Friday, Jan. 16.

The thermometer here at 7½ o'clock this morning marked 10, and at East Hartford 18, below zero.

BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

The telegraph this morning reports the following chilling acts of the weather:

HALIFAX, Friday, Jan. 16.

The thermometer 15 below zero.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Friday, Jan. 16.

The thermometer marks 5 below zero.

WOODSTOCK, Can., Friday, Jan. 16.

The thermometer is 5 below zero.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Friday, Jan. 16.

This morning the thermometer is 13 below zero.

SACKVILLE, Friday, Jan. 16.

The thermometer is 4 below zero.

In Boston this morning, at sunrise, it was about zero. The cold is now fast moderating.

TRAVEL ON THE SOUND.

BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

The Stonington train arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning, and that from Norwich at 11. No boat left New-York for Fall River last night. To-night the Norwich boat proposes starting for New-York, but no other.

Supposed Poisoning of Two Persons.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. J., Friday, Jan. 16.

Patrick Donahue and his wife were found dead in their bed this morning. Donahue was a man of steady habits, and was in the employ of the Central Railroad Company. Strong suspicions are entertained by the neighbors that they have been poisoned. A coroner's inquest is to be held this afternoon.

Large Fire at Milford, Mass.

BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 16.

Union Block, in Milford, Mass., was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss about $50,000. The building included the Post-Office, and was occupied otherwise for stores, offices, &c., and was owned by Z. Gleason, Ethan Claflin and A. W. Webb. Two dwelling houses adjoining were also destroyed.

Fatal Accident.

WILKESBARRE, Friday, Jan. 16.

William Patton, of the firm of Patton & Fenton, was killed this morning, by falling down the shaft of a coal mine at Plymouth, a distance of 90 feet.

The Niagara Outward Bound.

HALIFAX, Friday, Jan. 16.

The steamship *Niagara* arrived here from Boston at one, and sailed again for Liverpool at three o'clock this morning, with a light northwest wind and clear weather.

Sailing of the Sloop-of-War Saratoga.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Jan. 16.

The sloop-of-war *Saratoga* sailed, on Wednesday, from Norfolk for St. Thomas.

Non-Arrival of the America.

HALIFAX, Saturday, Jan. 17—1 A. M.

We are still without tidings of the over-due steamship *America*. The weather is clear and calm.

Personal.

Rev. Theodore Parker, in a late discourse, delivered in Boston, defined his position on the Temperance question. He said that he was originally an advocate of the Washingtonian system. He was afterwards induced to give his countenance and support to the laws recently passed upon that subject, but on a review of the whole ground, he felt convinced that so far as the laws of Maine and Massachusetts were concerned, they had not effected the desired object. He was still warmly in favor of the Washingtonian mode of warfare, and might also favor a system of licensing, if a law of that character, with proper restrictions and regulations, could be adopted.

Governor Robinson, of Kansas, has presented to Senator Sumner a cane manufactured by Major Richardson, one of the Free-State prisoners, during his incarceration in Lecompton. Upon this cane are thirty-one artificial knots, fifteen of which are within the coils of a serpent, representing the fifteen enslaved, and sixteen without its coils, the latter representing the Free States.

George Grote, the historian, writes to a gentleman in Philadelphia: "It amazes me to hear of the large editions of books, serious and instructive books, which are printed and find circulation in the United States. The circle of readers, or at least of buyers, must be very large in your community."

Hon. Edward Stanley, of North Carolina, has been tendered a complimentary banquet by his friends in Raleigh, without distinction of party. He declined the compliment in consequence of his preparations for a speedy return to California.

General Tom Thumb, having arrived in England in the *Forest*, announces his intention of holding levees previous to his departure for Russia, at the Regent Gallery, in the Quadrant.

A few days ago, the ceremony of endowing sister Saint Edward with the veil was performed in the chapel of the Hotel Dieu in Quebec. The lady's real name is Mlle. Emilie Faucher.

The President's first public reception of the season was given last evening. Friday evenings are set apart henceforth.

The Archbishop of Quebec is improving in health, having been afflicted with serious illness.

Ex-Governor Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee, is in Washington, receiving marked attentions.

Dr. Cone's pulpit in this City is to be filled in July next by Rev. A. E. Kent, of Maine.

[illegible] Others got the idea that the war was for "high treason," and that they were [illegible] immediately, unless compelled to do so by force. The whole matter was finally postponed, and probably within a day or two all for whom warrants were issued will have given themselves up and entered bail. Some of the members, probably, want the fun and [illegible] of a trial, knowing that, as their cost of [illegible] public declaration and resolution [illegible] consequent on its effect, and [illegible] of the admission by Congress of Kansas under Toombs' Constitution, there is no danger of a conviction before any fair jury. As a new United States Marshal has just been appointed, we may reasonably infer that juries hereafter will be [illegible]. Somebodies, of the ultra school, are trying to make capital out of this matter. The policy of [illegible] considerates is to drive the Free-State men together again in defiance of their Legislative [illegible] thereby drive all Dr. Robinson, Gen. [illegible] prominent men to the head of [illegible] affairs, in which case they will have the countenance of the border ruffians, as well as the active force of the United States troops, to operate against the "rebels;"—and [illegible] are engaged elsewhere, Jones' [illegible] and Woodson's expeditions, will more [illegible] into and occupy the surplus lands of [illegible] in contempt of all competitors, [illegible] of the orders of the Government.

[illegible] attempting to induce our men to be [illegible] trap. Gov. Geary probably planned the attempt, for the purpose of testing the Governor's views, but the effort will prove [illegible].

In the absence of information, both Pro-Slavery and Free-State papers will harp on the subject,—some approving and some censuring,—when, in fact, the Governor has had no cause to interfere, and will do, as the matter is entirely in the hands of the Judiciary, in which more confidence will [illegible] be placed than heretofore.

Thus the game is revealed. Let the thing work itself out. Peace will be preserved at all hazards, and those who have been the means of getting up the excitement will be defeated in their aim. If the Free-State men submit to the Governor's advice, their opponents will be thoroughly beaten in the game now being played on this gameboard of political chess-board. T. G. T.

[illegible] of the Free-State Legislature—An Attempt for Want of a Quorum—Letter from Lieutenant-Governor Roberts—[illegible] of Free-State Men.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1857.

The Legislature for the State of Kansas was convened here to-day, pursuant to the hour of adjournment. John Hutchinson, Esq., was elected Speaker pro tem. of the House of Representatives. The Senate was called to order by the President pro tem. Both the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State were absent. Governor Reeder has resigned, and gone East. Governor [illegible] is in the Territory, engaged at Wyandotte, and is expected to attend. Their absence at this important crisis in our affairs created considerable displeasure among the members of the two Houses. The Governor was busy writing this morning, and, doubtless, received the immediate attendance of Governor Roberts. He is expected to-morrow.

After the appointment of Committees on Credentials, the two Houses adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

[illegible] after the members left the Hall, Deputy Marshal Jones served the following writ upon several [illegible]:

"Territory of Kansas, to Sheriffs of Douglas County:

"Whereas, Complaint on oath has this day been made to me, the undersigned, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Kansas, by Samuel J. Jones, that Lyman Allen, R. F. Miller, John Curtiss, [illegible] Dunn, T. J. Thornton, James Irving, Dr. Updegraff, [illegible] Bailey, Benjamin Beardsley, Samuel McKinney, R. F. McKenzie, Henry J. Adams, [illegible] Stephen Sparks, W. M. Minard, — Dawn, [illegible], J. M. Mason, [illegible] Cannon, A. J. Addis, William Hicks, S. S. Shotwell, J. Brown, Jr., H. H. Williams, John Hutchinson, A. J. Saunders, J. B. Abbott, Robert McFarland, — Bean, Samuel Hicks, A. [illegible] Zimmerman, H. M. Hook, Adam Fisher, William Pennock, — Cousin and Alfred Cortiss, did, on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1855, (the first Territorial election,) take upon themselves the office and public trust of legislators for the State of Kansas; that the said parties, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1855, did assemble together in the town of Pelekah, in the Territory of Kansas, as such legislators for the State of Kansas, and did then and there, each of them, take the oath of office as such, [illegible] Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, and appoint a Committee to prepare and report a code of laws for the government of the State of Kansas, without lawful authority or reputation;

"You are hereby commanded to arrest the said parties, and bring them before me, or some other Judge of said Territory, to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand this 5th day of January, A. D. 1857.

S. C. CATO,
Assistant Justice, &c.

Some or eight of the "aforesaid parties" whose names appear in the above were arrested to-day, and informed by the Marshal that to-morrow they would be required to go to Tecumseh, before Judge Cato, to answer to the charge alleged against them. The absence of those already arrested will deprive both Houses of a quorum, and no business can be done.

The Hall of the House of Representatives was immediately called to order by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, when Gov. Reeder was called to the chair and Dr. Recor elected Secretary. Mr. Moore, of Leavenworth, being called upon, stated the objects of the Convention to be to examine and discuss the present position and future prospects of the State Government.

Mr. Conway then read the following letter from Lieutenant-Governor W. Y. Roberts to the meeting:

"Wyandotte, Kansas Ter., Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1856.

"My Dear Sir: I have just learned that Governor Reeder has resigned his position, and hasten to inform you that my engagements will utterly preclude the possibility of my being at Topeka at the meeting of the Legislature. It will therefore devolve upon you to act in the capacity of Governor.

"I regret this exceedingly, but should a quorum of members appear to their names, I would memorialize Congress for admission into the Union, and then adjourn. Should there be no quorum, it would be well to take a recess until, say the 4th of March.

"In great haste, very truly, &c.

W. Y. ROBERTS.

"Hon. John Conway, President of Senate."

Mr. Conway then offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we view with indignation and scorn the attempt of some of our leaders to barter off our political birthright, similar to as it is with the lifetime of some of our best patriots."

A discussion arose on the adoption of the resolution, between Messrs. Curtiss, Goodin, Oakley, Moore, Wakefield, Branscomb and others, during which a motion was made by Mr. Hutchinson that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to report resolutions for the Convention. Messrs. Hutchinson, [illegible] and Moore were appointed said Committee, and a small family meeting.

[illegible] at great length to adjournment and, Mr. Hutchinson, on behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which, after considerable discussion, was adopted by the meeting.

"Whereas, the people of the Territory of Kansas, having in view their future protection and prosperity, have, in good faith, commenced a movement to organize a State Government; and

"Whereas, What State Government has, in our opinion, been wanted as our interests during the past twelve months, therefore,

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"Resolved, That we are in favor of the Legislature passing such laws for the future government and protection of our citizens as will secure to them peace and prosperity, and that they protect them in the exercise of the rights belonging to them.

Other resolutions were proposed, but the hour for the meeting of the Legislature arrived, and the Committee did not have an opportunity to report.

On the 5th of July, the only Legislature yet assembled in the Territory, excepting fifteen, which the Governor will probably pardon before long, Clark, *the Indian Agent—the supposed murderer of Barber—has been arrested, by order of the Governor, and has since been removed by the President.* Marshal Donelson resigned several weeks ago. Col. Titus, Capt. Donelson, (not the Marshal,) and a large party of Ruffians, have left for Nicaragua. Put all these together, and it looks as if the South had given up Kansas, which I think they have.

Kansas is bound to be a Free State. Gov. Geary says that "two-thirds of the people are Free-State men, and if the majority of the people say Free State, in God's name let it be a Free State!" *This I heard him say myself.*

Affairs at Havana.

MONOPOLY REMOVED FROM THE FISH TRADE—IMPORTANT DECREE—A SPANISH FRIGATE TO BE SENT TO VERA CRUZ.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

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The *Gaceta Oficial* of the 8th publishes a highly-important decree of the Captain-General, in reference to the fish business, inasmuch as the live article can now be brought into the Island free of all duties and charges, excepting the usual tonnage and port dues. The most of the fish used in Havana comes from Key West, and the trade has for a long time been monopolized by Señor Marty, proprietor of the Tacon Theatre, who has had the magician's art of converting the American smacks into Spanish vessels, as soon as they reached this port. He thus defrauded the Government of a large amount of duties, and at the same time cheated the poor fishermen who were foolish enough to place themselves in his power. At the request of the owners of these smacks, Messrs. Schnabellius & Co. memorialized the Captain-General on the subject, and offered to sell the fish at 15 cents the pound, if the Government would allow the fish to be introduced free of all duties. In spite of the opposition of the Marine Department, and some other few dignitaries who have long received bribes from Marty, the Captain-General has decided to throw the business open to the competition of all who feel inclined to engage in this lucrative trade. The greater part of these fishing-smacks are built North, and manned by Northern men, who fish on shares with the owners. The increased prices they will receive for the fish, and the facilities afforded here, will doubtless give a fresh impulse to the business, and be the means of building up a brisk trade between this port and the different fishing posts on the Florida coast. It is said that Pancho Marty *has spent several thousands of dollars in bribes to* the officers of the Marine Department to defeat this measure. The inhabitants of Havana owe their General a vote of thanks for his enlightened views on this subject, and if he only succeeds in breaking down the equally odious monopoly of flour, he will confer an immense benefit on them.

The *Granada* brings nothing later from Walker, but the general impression on the Isthmus was, that American rule would soon be driven from the country. The men in the Church at Granada still held out, but were completely surrounded by the Central Americans, and there was no chance of assistance reaching them.

Part of the English squadron had reached Aspinwall and Panama, and the blockade of all the ports of Nueva Granada would soon be established.

Max Maretzek has determined to stay another month with us. I have been told that he will clear $70,000 in this little trip.

The Cuban Government has determined to send a frigate to Vera Cruz, to protect the lives and property of Spanish subjects resident in Mexico. The Consul at Vera Cruz has written here for this force. The papers brought by the *Mexico* teem with murders and outrages committed on the persons of unoffending Spaniards.

The Great Northwest Territory.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Your remarks about the Hudson's Bay Company, its territories, and its Charter, in your issue of the 10th inst., seem to pave the way for a statement of the interest we Americans have in the throwing open of those regions to the west and northwest of Lake Superior for settlement and cultivation. When the great central basins of the Assiniboine and Saskatchawnee Rivers come to be cultivated, New-York City will reap the benefit of their trade. A view of the map of North America will demonstrate this. A few short portages connect the waters of the Pigeon and Arrow Rivers (which form part of the western boundary between the British possessions and ours) with Rainy Lake, and from that sheet of water there is practicable steamer navigation to the sources even of the Saskatchawnee and other mighty rivers and to the Hudson's Bay. Several fine harbors are found near the boundary line on Lake Superior.

I have been informed by intelligent persons who have often passed from Lake Superior to the Saskatchawnee country, through Lake Winnipeg, (which is a great sheet of water,) that a ship or steamer canal is practical from Lake Superior to the Rainy, and will not be very costly. Lake Winnipeg, they say, lies much lower than Lake Superior.

As regards the climate of this central basin, in a recent publication of that eminent climatologist, Mr. Bloodgett, he proves it to be similar to that of Western Europe in the same latitudes; in fact, it has a finer climate than any of the Atlantic States enjoy.

The exports of the region in question might reach the Atlantic *via* the Nelson's River and Hudson's Bay, did not the dreadful climate of Davis' Straits so shorten the seasons as to practically forbid it.

An important city will grow up, without doubt, on the shores of Lake Superior, near the mouth of Arrow River. It is said that the mountains near this point abound in copper and other minerals, and the finest of timber.

Our Government ought to cause a reconnoissance or a survey of the route for canal improvements from Lake Superior to Rainy Lake, and at *the same time a route for a railway to the Lake of* the Woods. Are you aware of the opinion entertained by many intelligent Canadians that when a Pacific Railroad is made, it will pass west from [illegible]

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I beg you, Sir, to communicate this answer of mine to Mr. Marcy, flattering myself that he will be pleased to derive from it a conviction that, in the act of authorizing its minister resident at Washington to give his sworn deposition to the Secretary of State, the Government of the Netherlands did all that was rationally feasible under the circumstances, and that the Government of the United States will appreciate the sentiments of courtesy and friendly disposition which suggested such an authority.

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Ever anxious to evince the pleasure which the Government of the Netherlands takes in acceding to the requests of the United States at its hands, I so much the more regret that it will scarcely be possible to give an additional proof of that disposition under present circumstances.

Availing himself of a prerogative generally conceded to the members of the diplomatic body, and recognized also by the laws of the republic, as adverted to by Mr. Marcy in his above-mentioned dispatch, Mr. Dubois refused to appear before a court of justice; but being desirous to at once reconcile that prerogative with the requirements of justice, he suggested a middle course of action, and proposed to Mr. Marcy to give his declaration under oath, should he be authorized to that effect by the Government of the Netherlands.

After taking the King's orders on the subject, I did not hesitate to give such authority to Mr. Dubois, approving at the same time, and formally, the line of conduct which he pursued on that occasion, convinced as I was that, in reality, the difficulties of a criminal suit to be carried on in America as a common witness could not comport with the dignity of the character of a minister of the King residing at the seat of government of the republic, nor yet could it do so with the duties of his office.

I beg you, Sir, to communicate this answer of mine to Mr. Marcy, flattering myself that he will be pleased to derive from it a conviction that, in the act of authorizing its minister resident at Washington to give his sworn deposition to the Secretary of State, the Government of the Netherlands did all that was rationally feasible under the circumstances, and that the Government of the United States will appreciate the sentiments of courtesy and friendly disposition which suggested such an authority.

I have the honor, Sir, &c., VAN HALL.

Mr. Belmont, Minister Resident of the United States of America.

MR. DUBOIS TO MR. MARCY.

[Translation.]

Washington, June 21, 1856.

Mr. Secretary of State: You will bear in mind [illegible]

[illegible] Consul, to whom I am indebted for a sight of this precious little relic, about which cluster so many grand souvenirs."

I will only add, that if your readers wish to obtain a distinct and accurate idea of the region embraced in, in which lies the battle-field of Arbela, and the plain of Shinar, they should open their Atlas and survey the country between Mosul on the Tigris, and Lake Van, southeast of Mount Ararat. It was very natural that the sons of Noah, descending from Ararat, should commence their agricultural labors in the fertile and well watered plain of Shinar, lying to the east, where in terrible remembrance of the flood they vainly and impiously attempted a work which should protect them from the recurrence of the disaster. Recently I met an English gentleman, Major Traver, who belonged to the staff of Gen. Williams, the hero of Kars, who, with three or four other Englishmen, had gained the summit of Mount Ararat—the first foot of the kind since the children of Noah descended from it. Thus, by a singular coincidence, about the same time, the sacred summit was reached where the ark rested, and the tower discovered which was erected on the plain at its base.

List of Patents

Issued for the week ending Jan. 13.

Ethan Allen, of Worcester, Mass.—For improved fire arms.

Wm. Badger, of Memphis, Tenn.—For improvement in cotton seed planters.

Seneca H. Bennett, of Belleville, Penn.—For improved field fence.

Erastus B. Bigelow, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in looms for weaving pile fabrics double.

Samuel Boyd, of New-York, N. Y.—For improvement in the manufacture of hoes.

Robt. Brayton, of Buffalo, N. Y.—For improvement in dies.

James S. Burnham, of Yorkville, N. Y.—For improvement in pumps.

Wm. Cairns and Jasper Cairns, of Jersey City, N. J.—For implement for holding blacking boxes.

Enoch Colvin, of Poultney, Vt.—For improvement in knitting machines.

Joseph T. Davenport, of Augusta, Ga.—For arrangement of fixed rails as a substitute for railroad switches.

Horace E. Dimick, of St. Louis, Mo.—For improved mode of riling ordnance.

Joseph Dunkley, of Carrollton, Md.—For improved automatic regulator for wind-wheels.

M. B. Dyott, of Philadelphia, Penn.—For improvement in burning fluid lamps.

Augustus Eliaers, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in stain cases.

Thaddeus Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury, Vt.—For improvement in platform scales.

Milton Finkle, of New-York, N. Y.—For improvement in sewing machines.

Sanford E. Fitch and Theodore Sharp, of Greenbush, N. Y.—For improvement in flour bolt, as applied to grinding mill.

Lewis A. Hamblen, of Chicago, Ill.—For improvement in locomotive lamps.

Jacob Hockman, of Mexico, Ind.—For improvement in brick machines.

Royal E. House, of Binghamton, N. Y.—For improved device by which persons approaching may open gates.

A. P. Johnson, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in sewing machines.

Wm. Jones, of Speedsville, N. Y.—For improvement in hay forks.

Rodolphus Kingsley, of Springfield, Mass.—For improvement in presses.

H. Maranville, of Clinton, Ohio.—For improvement in balance for detecting counterfeit coin.

Wm. W. Marsh, of Jacksonville, Ill.—For improvement in oil press.

Stephen C. Mendenhall, of Richmond, Ind.—For improvement in hand loom.

Robert J. Morrison, of Richmond, Va.—For improvement in the cutting apparatus for harvesting machines.

James F. Orr, of Orville, Ala.—For improvement in cotton gins.

Wm. Ostrander, of New-York, N. Y.—For improved machine for rolling tapering tubes.

James Parker, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in nipple shields.

Wm. Provines, of Columbia, Mo.—For improvement in excavators.

David F. Randall, of Chicopee, Mass.—For improvement in the construction of burning-fluid lamps.

J. A. Reynolds, of Elmira, N. Y.—For improved tubular auger.

Isaac S. Roland, of West Earl, Penn.—For improved method of hanging farm gates.

Joseph Shaw, of Richland, Ga.—For improvement in cotton cultivators.

John Sherrer, of Reading, Penn.—For improved hub boxes.

Reuben W. Sharp, of Montgomery, Ala.—For improved machine for planing shingles, or tapering pieces.

Alfred E. Smith, of Brenxville, N. Y.—For improved mode of constructing nail axles and hubs.

David W. Snell and Stephen W. Bartlett, of Woonsocket, R. I.—For improvement in looms.

Oded Spencer, of Jacksonburg, O.—For improved bore, or support, for posts of field fences.

Emerson C. Strange, of Taunton, Mass.—For improved machine for sawing hoops.

Augustus Stoner, of Mount Joy, Penn.—For improved mode of tightening felloes in wheels.

Joseph Thompson, of Durhamville, N. Y.—For improvement in seed-planters.

John S. Toan, of Venice, N. Y.—For improvement in corn-planters.

Alfred Tourtz, of Boston, Mass.—For improvement in locks of fire-arms.

Thomas J. Tolman, of South Scituate, Mass.—For improved method of adjusting the size of the mouth, in planes.

David Watson, of Newark, N. J.—For improvement in reaping and mowing machines.

Caleb G. Walworth, of Boston, Mass.—For improved screw-feeding gear.

William Weild, of Manchester, Great Britain.—For improvement in power-loom. Patented in England, March 7, 1855.

Carlyle Whipple, of Lewiston, Me.—For improved method of hanging and operating reciprocating saws.

D. H. Whittemore, of Chicopee Falls, Mass.—For improvement in machines for paring and slicing apples.

M. J. Whitmore, of Potsdam, N. Y., assignor to Frank G. Johnson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and M. J. Whitemore, aforesaid.—For improvement in calender clocks.

John B. Wickersham, of New-York, N. Y.—For improved method of fastening the rails of iron fences in the posts.

O. D. Wilcox, of Easton, Pa.—For improvement in artificial legs.

A. Winter, of Pickens, S. C.—For improved method of hanging, guiding and adjusting "mulay saws."

William Wilber, of New-Orleans, La.—For improvement in oil pressing machinery. Patented in England, June 12, 1856.

Lofin Wood, of New-York, N. Y.—For improvement in stove thimbles, or deck irons.

G. F. S. Wright, of Black Oak, S. C.—For improved method of mounting and guiding circular saws.

John G. Vaughan, of Middleborough, Mass., assignee (by mediate transfer) to Reuben M. Singer, of New-York, N. Y.—For improved mode of lathing and plastering.

Ira Gill, of Walpole, Mass., assignor to Ira Gill aforesaid and Elbridge Brown, of Malden, Mass.—For improvement in machines for forming hat bodies.

Daniel Berlew, of Delaware, O.—For improved method of planing staves.

Reissued.—Geo. W. Geisendorff, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Jacob C. Geisendorff, of Cincinnati, Ohio—For improvement in axle cox rollers. Patented Feb. 6, 1855.

Whitten E. Kidd, of New-York, N. Y.—For improvement in moulds for pressing bonnet fronts. Patented Nov. 28, 1854.

Wm. H. Walton, of New-York, N. Y.—For improvement in cleaning the top flats of carding engines. Patented Dec. 9, 1856.

Designs.—Saml. F. Pratt, of Boston, Mass., assignor to W. & J. Treadwell, Perry & Norton, of Albany, N. Y.—For parlor stove design.

K. S. Vedder, of Troy, N. Y., *assignor to Newbury, Filley & Co.*, of same place—For cooking stove design.

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Terrible Suffering on the Plains.

A letter from the St. Louis *Republican*, dated St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 30, says:

We have information of the return of a party from the Little Blue, in a most deplorable condition. They were, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Van Doozen and Mr. Mooney, the first from Jackson, K. T., and the two latter from South Carolina. Gen. Matthews saw them after their hair-breadth escapes, and gives me the following thrilling narrative:

When they reached the Big Blue they first left the encampment, but finding only a few buffalo, they left their camp in charge of a negro belonging to Mr. Van Doozen, and proceeded some distance into the Indian country. The first evening they were overtaken by a storm of wind and snow, and lost their way. They remained for eight days without fire or food. They bled the tubes out of their guns, in their efforts to kill game, and then threw their guns away. The negro left with Van Doozen and Mooney, became so benumbed, they were so exhausted from fatigue and exposure, that Mr. Stringfellow, who had had some experience, was scarcely able to get them to move. He encouraged them by every means in his power, and reached a habitation and were saved. Mr. Brown and Mr. Van Doozen, however, will lose many toes, and Mr. Stringfellow some of his toes. Their sufferings were beyond description, and they will be for some weeks to come. The negro, who remained in camp, is uninjured, although he suffered greatly from the severity of the cold and exposure. His mother and friends. They are all now safely landed at Atchison.

The General also informs me that a young friend of him that two surveying parties, one of which was Sam Parsons', who is well known in St. Louis, had been murdered by the Comanche Indians. The country in which they were operating is near the Big Bend reservation, in the southwestern part of the Territory, and near the Arkansas line. These Indians, the Comanches have frequent conflicts. A party of them made an incursion into a Cherokee settlement and killed

NEW-YORK CITY.

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Resolved, That the citizens of the State and County of New-York are aggrieved and indignant at the notorious fact that our rights as electors are no longer secured at the ballot-box—that need and respectable citizens dare not present themselves at the polls through fear of personal abuse and injury—that hired bravos and bullies of the worst description swarm in a great measure our nominations and elections to offices of trust and profit—that thousands of illegal votes are deposited at every election, whereby dishonest and corrupt men obtain political power and control the government and finances of this great commercial City; and whereas we believe and hold that this State of affairs results from the want of adequate laws to protect the purity of the elective franchise, therefore

We, citizens, voters, do memorialize your honorable body and pray that you will enact and establish a law for the proper registration of the names of all persons legally entitled to vote in the State and County of New-York; and that you devise and establish such other guards and protections to the rights of the legal voters of this City and County as will secure the integrity of our elections and the choice of our officers by legal voters alone.

We implore your honorable body to consider that upon you at this time lies the responsibility of whatsoever future evil and mischief may result to the great metropolis of your State by the further neglect of its interests in this important particular. And your memorialists will ever pray.

Curious Building Operation.

Building around an obstinate neighbor is coming much into vogue. We have one prominent instance on Broadway, in the case of tailor HADDEN's shop, on the site of a part of the late Irving House, a granite patch upon a white marble front; and we are to have another in the case of A. T. STEWART's projected enlargement of his dry goods store. It seems that the lot (No. 61) immediately in the rear of his establishment, on the Chambers-street side, belongs to a Mrs. ANDREWS, and Mr. STEWART has been trying to purchase it for several years without success. Some ill-feeling is said to exist on the part of Mrs. ANDREWS towards her mercantile neighbor, from the fact that the latter has permitted the lintel of the ground story of his building to project in front of her premises about eight inches. A law suit once threatened to spring up in consequence, but did not, and Mrs. ANDREWS has ever since nurtured a grudge, which now takes form in an obstinate refusal to sell. Mr. STEWART therefore proposes to build around her property, trusting to the gentleman with the scythe to ultimately make matters right.

The Ashlanders.

This association formed in 1847 to promote the nomination of HENRY CLAY to the Presidency, and revived in 1856 to give a lift to Mr. FILLMORE, observed its 10th anniversary on Thursday evening, by a dinner at PETELER's, in Broadway. Among the guests present were Ex-Recorder TALLMADGE and Hon. C. E. EAGAN. ROBERT C. GUYER, Esq., President of the Association, occupied the chair. Letters were read from Hon. JAMES BROOKS, Rev. S. OSGOOD and Hon. THOMAS C. BOUN. The usual array of toasts was got off, and responses made by the Ex-Recorder, E. F. COZZY, Hon. C. E. EAGAN, J. P. DONOE, W. H. DRAPER, and others. The dining-room was tastefully decorated with flags, and near the head of the table hung the large portrait of HENRY CLAY presented to the Ashlanders last year.

Disunion Convention.

A Disunion Anti-Slavery Convention will be held, by the Garrisonian Abolitionists, at Albany, some time in February. A similar one came off yesterday, at Worcester. Messrs. GARRISON, PHILLIPS, PILLSBURY, FOSTER, and other noted Abolitionists, will be in attendance.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board of Councilmen met last evening, J. N. PHILLIPS, Esq., President, in the chair.

A number of petitions were presented and referred—several from gentlemen asking to be appointed Commissioners of Deeds.

A resolution was proposed, to reimburse Isaac Olcott Rhines, by the appropriation of $1,000, for his services seven years in the office of the Commissioner of Streets. Councilman WADSON strongly urged the payment, observing that the party was about "*ninety-seven*" years of age, and had filled the office for "*seven hundred years*," without remuneration. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Offices.

A great number of communications were received and referred, of no public interest.

WHAT IT WILL COST TO KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN.

One from EBLING, the Street Commissioner, is, however, an exception, as follows:

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF STREETS AND LAMPS, Jan. 16, 1857.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—You will perceive by referring to my detailed destimate for the expenses at the Bureau of Cleaning Streets, for the year 1857, that I have asked for the sum of $216,272. The Comptroller recommended to your honorable body the sum of $252,000, making a difference of $66,272. I will state, gentlemen, that from the experience I have had for the past two years, I am convinced that the City cannot be kept clean for a less sum than I have named. If you see fit to appropriate the sum I have asked for, I will be able to perform the work during the entire year and have no deficiency to ask for at the close of the same. You will also perceive that in making up the deficiency of 1856 I had to guess at the amount required for the five last pays, namely, from Oct. 16 to Dec. 27, at the sum of $45,000, whereas it has amounted to $58,875 22, being a difference of $8,875 22. This I would respectfully ask you to add to the deficiency of 1856, thereby making it the sum of $127,266 09, in order to be able to settle in full with the employes of the Department without taking any money from the appropriation for 1857 to pay the adjourded debt of 1856.

Hoping, gentlemen, that this may meet your approval, I respectfully submit it for your consideration,

JOSEPH E. EBLING,
Commissioner of Streets and Lamps.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

After an ineffectual attempt to alter the arrangement of the desks in the Council Chamber, the Board to Monday.

Committee on Contested Seats.

The Special Committee of the Board of Councilmen on the contested election of Councilman of the Sixtieth District, C. H. HASWELL, Esq., Chairman, met yesterday in the Library of the City Hall.

This is the subject of controversy: JOHN VANCE contests the seat of ISAAC J. HOFFER, who now represents the Sixtieth District, and on the ground that at the Third Election District poll in the Twelfth Ward, there was an illegality in the canvass of the "charter" box. Mr. Spencer, counsel for Mr. VANCE, proposes to establish this by showing that at the announcement, when the poll had closed, Mr. Hyler was said to have received 215 votes for Assessor; that such return was altered so that when it was laid before the Ward Canvassers the Assessor claimed to be elected by 237 votes. Mr. Spencer contends that illegality in any portion of the canvass invalidates the entire election at that poll, and the fraud in the case of the Assessor invalidates the whole election of the Third Election District of the Twelfth Ward.

Several witnesses were examined whose evidence went to prove that the Charter ballots, in violation of the law, had *not* been destroyed. In consequence of the absence of a material witness, GEORGE M. SOUTHWICK, one of the Inspectors, the Committee adjourned to next Friday.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

A GRAND LARCENY.

Mrs. Sarah Merrill was arrested at her house, No. 174 West Thirty-ninth-street, for stealing about $500 worth of gold coin from George M. Breckenridge who occupies a part of the same house. The larger portion of the money was recovered from Mrs. Merrill, who expressed great sorrow for the error she had committed. Mrs. M. is living in good circumstances, and has hitherto borne an excellent character. She says she cannot tell what induced her to steal.

A BAD FELLOW IN CUSTODY.

A notorious character named Chris. Ditton was arrested on Thursday night on a charge of grand larceny, preferred against him by H. Gillan. The Police Captain of the Seventh Ward adds to his report of this arrest the following:

"The prisoner is one of the worst gang of burglars and highway robbers that infest our City. It is but a few months since he was arrested for highway robbery, and the charge was brought so pointedly that it seemed impossible he should escape conviction. Yet the fellow was set at large in a few days to the great astonishment and regret of all who were acquainted with his character."

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Justice Clerke.

MOTIONS.

Saunders vs. Gardner—Motion granted.

Van Doren vs. Van Doren—This action to be proceeded with; the other to be stayed. The question of costs to be reserved until the final judgment.

Boyd vs. Van Doren—Proceedings stayed.

Fogg vs. Blair—Motion granted, with liberty to defendant to retain; on payment of $5 costs.

Thompson et al. vs. Schlosser, &c.—Ordered that all moneys in the hands of the executors belonging to

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MARINE COURT.

A General Term Calendar will be made up for the last Thursday of January, the 29th inst.

Notes of issue must be filed with the Clerk on or before Saturday, the 24th inst.

Jan. 15, 1857. MOSES D. GALE, Clerk.

Police Judge Shelvey and a Jury.

IMPORTANT CASE—RECOVERY OF THE TRADE—SHORT MEASURE IN ALE.

John Kerr and Thos. Black vs. Chas. F. McCleary.—The plaintiffs, who are extensive brewers in this City, claimed $310, being a balance remaining due on 100 hogsheads of ale, at $9 a hogshead, sold by them to the defendant, who is a large dealer in liquors. The latter admits the purchase and the receipt of the ale, and the price charged, but insists that he is not at all indebted to the plaintiffs, because the hogsheads which he purchased fell much short of the legal measure. Supporting this he employed a gauger to gauge the hogsheads. This gentleman testified that he had gauged 11 hogsheads, and that they ran short 97 gallons. He had also gone to another customer of the plaintiffs and gauged six new hogsheads, which ran short 63 gallons. From these facts the defendant insists that it can reasonably be inferred that the whole 146 hogsheads were short, which would leave plaintiffs in his debt.

The plaintiffs called another gauger, who testified that since the commencement of this suit, he had gauged 40 hogsheads at plaintiffs' place of business and that they had averaged 62½ gallons each, being only 2½ short, some more and some less.

The Court charged the Jury that the defendant was entitled to receive 63 gallons in each hogshead and that if they believed that the casks gauged were a fair sample of the whole, they could at their discretion, make a proper deduction.

The Jury made a deduction of 5 gallons in each hogshead, finding for the plaintiffs in the sum of $184 and interest.

LIABILITY OF AUCTIONEERS.

Frederick M. Feyser vs. Haggerty, Jones and Haggerty.—The plaintiff, a dealer in embroideries, &c., in Broadway, had a quantity of artificial flowers for sale, and an agent, technically called "drummer," of the defendants, hearing of this, called on him and asked him how he was going to dispose of them. The plaintiff replied that he was going to have them sold at auction, at the same time naming a firm to whom he was going to send them. The "drummer" finally persuaded Mr. Feyser to send the flowers to the defendants who are one of the largest auction houses in the City, assuring him that they would sell them to the best advantage. The goods were finally sent, 91 cartons in all, and with them the plaintiff sent a bill for them made out to the defendants, at $5 a carton, amounting to $455.

The goods were afterwards sold by the defendants in different parcels for a gross sum of $52 75. The plaintiff now claims that they were intrusted to the defendants on a plain understanding that they were not to be sold at a price under $5 a carton; that the price at which they were sold was due to the gross negligence of the defendants, and that they are indebted to him to the amount of the balance. The original cost of the flowers when new and in season was $18 a carton. One witness testified positively to this agreement.

The defendants contended that no such agreement had ever been made, and called their "drummer," who, on his part, swore positively to this effect. They also proved that the goods were sold in the due course of their business, after having been duly advertised, and that they brought a fair market value, being old, out of season and out of order. They called the purchaser, who testified that he had sold them at a profit of $20, and thought that he had done very well.

Before the commencement of this suit the defendants tendered to the plaintiff the amount received by them for the flowers. It was left with the Jury to decide whether the goods were sold with the restriction or without any agreement.

The Jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for $52 75, which does not carry costs, as the defendants had tendered the amount before the suit.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Before Judge Brady.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Agnes Moss vs. J. H. Rosenbaum and wife.—This was an action for false imprisonment, brought by plaintiff against the defendants. The facts appear to be that on the 6th of February, 1856, the plaintiff and her sister went to the store kept by the defendants in Division-street, and asked to have a wreath of flowers made, and agreed upon the price of $1 as the sum to be paid. After it was made the plaintiff refused to take it, and said it was not what she wanted. The defendants insisted that the plaintiff agreed to take the wreath under any circumstances, and, as she refused to take it, detained her and her sister till a policeman arrived. Verdict for plaintiff, $100.

Important Decision.

OWNERS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR A SUB-CONTRACTORS' DEBTS UNDER THE LIEN LAW.

SUPREME COURT—KINGS COUNTY.

Francis Halstead vs. Isaac C. Kendall, owner, Cornelius Donnellon, contractor, and Michael Field, sub-contractor.—For plaintiff, C. J. Jack, Esq.; for defendants Lewis & Reeve.—This action was brought to enforce a lien duly filed by Isaac Halstead and duly assigned to plaintiff, for labor and services ordered by Michael Field, sub-contractor, under the Lien Law. Counsel for defendants demurred to complaint that an owner was not responsible for debts incurred by a sub-contractor. In this case Judge S. B. STRONG has given the following

OPINION:

There are undoubtedly too many defendants. Donnellon, the principal contractor, was not responsible to the plaintiff under his agreement with the sub-contractor and Field, or under the Lien Law. Nor is there any provision in the act authorizing an action against the owner and contractor jointly. It is not, however, a cause of demurrer that there are too many defendants.

In such cases, unless the action is upon an alleged joint contract, a judgment may be rendered against any or either of the defendants. It is no objection to the plaintiff's action that a judgment has been obtained against the contractor designated in the statute. That is one of the prerequisites to any personal liability of the owner. (Laws of 1858, ch. 295, 537-8, p. 716.)

It is necessary in an action against the owner when liability has been created under the lien law, and does not result directly from his contract or other act to state all the material prerequisites. That is the uniform rule in all actions founded solely upon a statute. The complaint is fatally defective in this particular; all the facts stated may be as they are admitted, and yet there be no cause of action against the owners of the real estate. If the plaintiff should prove nothing more, he would be non-suited. The statute gives the lien to any person who shall perform any labor, or furnish any materials in the building or repairing of any house in pursuance of an agreement with any contractors.

In this case there was no agreement between the plaintiff and the primary contractor. The plaintiffs' agreement was with a sub-contractor, who in fact made no contract with the owner. The principal question is, whether the terms "any contractor" include any except those who have made a direct agreement with the owner. The expression "any contractor" was probably used in order to include all with whom the owner might engage when he should agree with several—each to build a portion of the entire structure. Such arrangements are now very common. I cannot think that it was designed to include sub-contracts, or those with which the owners of the building have usually nothing to do, and over which they have no direct control. The statute might with propriety make those responsible for the acts of persons selected and trusted by themselves, but there can be no reason for extending their liability to the conduct of those in whose selection they have no agency, and over whose actions they have no directory power. The statute does not expressly authorize the owners to deduct what they may be compelled to pay to the workmen, or material men, from what they may have stipulated to pay to the principal contractors; and as the requisition, if valid, would extend to the default of others, it might be doubtful whether the owners would be thereby relieved from the full performance of their engagements to their immediate contractors. Besides, if a requisition could be made upon the owner, and he could deduct the amount from what he had stipulated to pay to his contractor, it might, and probably would frequently happen that such contractor had already advanced the stipulated price to his sub-contractor, and so might be compelled after having paid the money lawfully to one to deduct it from what might be due to him from another. A statute ought not to be so construed as to work such injustice when a liberal interpretation would effectuate a more equitable result. The decision in Woods vs. Donaldson, in this Court, (1 Wend., 550,) and in the Court for the Correction of Errors, (23 Wendell, 395,) although upon a statute somewhat variant from that which I am now considering, in principle involves the same question and led to the same result.

There must be judgment for the defendant upon the demurrer, but as the plaintiff may so amend as to avoid the technical difficulties which I have mentioned and which, unless removed, might embarrass him in any future proceedings, he may amend his complaint upon the usual terms.

LONG ISLAND.

Race with a Locomotive.

BEDFORD, L. I., Sunday, Jan. 11, 1857.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

This morning, Sunday, at 10¼ o'clock, myself, my daughter SUSAN, my son CHARLES, and the wife of our friend Mr. S. I. PARMENTER, were on our way to church, in a cutter, drawn by one horse, proceeding down Franklin-avenue, towards the Long Island Railroad, keeping a bright look-out for the locomotive, and when within thirty feet of the track we met a locomotive and tender, without any cars attached, backing down from the depot, in an easterly direction. No bell was rung—no flag-man on the spot, or any precaution whatever taken to notify us of its approach, and, as a house intervened, we could not see the locomotive until it was crossing Franklin-avenue. My horse was dreadfully frightened—sprang around sharp to the right to avoid the engine, and rushed along the sidewalk of Atlantic-street, parallel with the track, at a frightful speed, being almost entirely uncontrollable. This sidewalk is about 6 feet from the rails, and rises to a height of five or six feet above the track, as you go east, and narrows down to a width

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Questionable Witnesses.

An amusing case was tried in the Kings County Court of Sessions Thursday last, before Judge MORRIS and Justices SCHOONMAKER and EMMONS. The defendant was ADAM HAUPT, a Policeman of the Ninth Ward of Brooklyn, who was indicted for assault and battery and false imprisonment. The complaining and principal witness was a gentleman known about the Courts as Dr. BREMBLE, an interpreter of varied qualifications and parts. Defendant's counsel endeavored to impeach Dr. BREMBLE, and for this purpose called the prosecuting officer to the stand, to show that the Doctor's reputation was bad in Suffolk County some seven years ago. In retaliation, the prosecuting officer called prisoner's counsel to the stand, to prove that he had recommended the Doctor, only a few months ago, as a man of good character, for the office of Interpreter in the City Court.

The prosecuting officer insisted that his testimony should be stricken out, as the witness had reformed, as was proven by the testimony of defendant's counsel.

As there was nothing to corroborate the testimony of either the defendant's counsel or the prosecuting officer, the jury were in doubt which way to decide the case, and gave the defendant the benefit of the anomalous position in which they found themselves, and acquitted him.

Donation Visit.

The friends of Rev. STEPHEN S. MEEKER, pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church, of Bushwick, made him their annual visit on Wednesday evening. The affair passed off pleasantly, with the usual amount of music, conversation, &c., and the rather unusual episode of a christening. The Society is one of the oldest in Kings County, having been organized in 1708. Mr. MEEKER has presided over it for more than thirty years.

Daring Attempt to Rob.

Mr. E. SELDEN, of Sidney-place, Brooklyn, was attacked in Court-street, near Atlantic, last Monday night, by two men, who demanded money. He was able to defend himself until the approach of a policeman caused the rascals to take to their heels.

Burglary.

The shop of WILLIAM JULIAN, on Myrtle, near Franklin-avenue, Brooklyn, was entered by burglars, Wednesday night, and clothing to the value of $50 stolen.

Singular.

Only one policeman was removed, in Brooklyn, on Thursday.

☞ The case of Alderman OLIVER, in Brooklyn, will be carried to the Supreme Court. His friends are confident that the injunction restraining him from taking his seat as Alderman of the Ninth Ward, will be dissolved at an early day.

MARKET REPORTS.

Markets. *Carefully Reported for the N. Y. Daily Times.*

NEW-YORK, Friday, Jan. 16—6 P. M.

ASHES—The demand is fair; prices are firm, Pearls, $8; Pots, $7 75@$7 87½ ℔ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is still moderately inquired for at our quotations: Java, 14¼c.@14¾c.; Laguayra, 11½c.@12c.; Maracaibo, 11½c.@12½c.; Rio, 9c.@11½c.; St. Domingo, 10¾c.; and Bahia, 9¾c.@10c. ℔ lb.

COPPER—The demand is moderate; prices are maintained.

COTTON—The market continues in an unsettled state. Parties disagree about prices so much that business is seriously restricted. Some limited transactions were reported to-day, at, if anything, rates a shade under our quotations:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	New-Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	11½	11¾	11¾	11¾
Middling	12	12½	12¾	12¾
Middling Fair	13½	13¾	14	14½
Fair	15¾	14	14¾	14¾

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market is not very freely supplied with State and Western Flour, but this is in rather less active request, and towards the close buyers have any existing advantage. The sales reported since our last consist of only about 8,200 bbls., in lots, mainly at prices within the annexed range:

Ordinary State	$6 35@	$6 55
Straight State	6 35@	6 65
Favorite and Extra State	6 45@	6 50
Common to Good Indiana and Upper Lake	6 30@	6 65
Common to Good Superfine Ohio	6 50@	6 75
Fancy Michigan	6 45@	6 65
Extra Michigan	6 60@	7 75
Extra Indiana and Wisconsin	6 65@	7 75
Extra Ohio	6 75@	8 00
Fancy Genesee	6 90@	7 10
Extra Genesee	7 10@	8 75
Extra Missouri	6 50@	9 00

Canadian continues scarce and inactive. Superfine to extra is worth from $6 40@$7 40 ℔ bbl.; 300 bbls. found buyers within the range. Southern appears unchanged. The transactions since our last comprise about 900 bbls. low Mixed to Fancy and Extra, at $6 60@$8 and $9 25 ℔ bbl. Rye Flour is in fair request, and is steady at $5 50@$5 75 for Fine to Superfine ℔ bbl. Corn Meal is in pretty good demand at old

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RICE—Sales transpired to-day of about 100 tcs. common to choice, at $3 50@$4 25 ℔ 100 lbs.

SOAP—We heard of sales of 180 boxes Castile, at 10¾c.@10¾c. ℔ lb.

SUGARS—Show very little activity to day. Light supplies restrict business. Parties differ about prices, and this also impedes operations. Yesterday's quotations, however, are fully supported.

TALLOW—There were 12,000 lbs. prime sold at former rates.

WHISKY—About 250 bbls. Ohio and Prison were purchased at 26½c.@27c. per gallon.

FREIGHTS—Were not so active. Rates, however, varied little. For Liverpool, Cotton, 3-16d @7-32d. ℔ lb.; Flour, 2s. 3d.@2s. 6d. ℔ bbl.; Grain, 6¾d.@7½d. ℔ bushel; Beef, 4s. 6d. ℔ tc.; Rosin, 2s. 3d.@2s. 6d. ℔ bbl.; and Heavy Goods, 25s.@30s. ℔ ton. For other ports, proportionate rates.

NEW-YORK CITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The following list consists of prominent Houses in each line of Business:

Berlin Wool, Embroidery Silks, Fringes, Gimps, Buttons, Ladies' Dress Trimmings, Gold and Silver Articles for Regalia.
KOHLSAAT BROS., (Importers and Jobbers,) 43 John-st.

Advertising Agents.
S. M. PETTENGILL & CO. ..... 119 Nassau-st.

Hardware, Cutlery, Edge Tools, &c.
T. BOUGLAS, Manufacturer and Dealer, 63 Beekman-st.

Grate and Fender Makers.
WM. H. JACKSON, (formerly W. & N. Jackson & Sons,) No. 691 Broadway, one door from 19th-st.

Boat and Oar Bazaar.
Life, Race, Ship and Pleasure Boats, of all kinds on hand making an assortment of over 200 Boats. C. L. INGERSOLL & SON, 250 South-st.

Lightning Rods.
A. M. QUIMBY & SON, 192 East 27th, and 119 Nassau-sts.
LYON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Otis' Patent. Also, other rods, insulators, points, vanes, &c., No. 348 Broadway.

Lithographers.
GEORGE HAYWARD ..... 120 Water-st.
Window and Plate Glass, (French and English.)
F. HOPKINS & BROS., (Importers) ..... 61 Barclay-st.

☞ Any additions to the above list should be brought to the office of S. M. PETTENGILL & CO., No. 119 Nassau-st.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—ITALIAN OPERA.

In consequence of numerous inquiries in the Music stores for Season Subscriptions for the ITALIAN OPERA SEASON, the public is respectfully informed that SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS will be taken at the Ticket Office of the Academy of Music only.

MAURICE STRAKOSCH.

GOLDBECK'S MORNING RECITALS

OF CLASSICAL and MODERN MUSIC.—The first of the series of three will be given at No. 42 East 23d-st., (a private house,) on SATURDAY, 17th inst., 2½ o'clock.

Madame SCHERER JOHANNSEN, Mr. WILHELM DAHLER, Herr GOLDBECK.

Subscription tickets, $3; Single tickets, $1; to be had at all the principal music-sellers, and of Herr GOLDBECK, No. 5 Clinton-place.

MISS MATILDA HERON

Will make her First Appearance at Wallack's Theatre On MONDAY EVENING next, In the celebrated play of CAMILLE, As translated by herself.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—ITALIAN OPERA.

The sale of secured seats for the performance of LUCREZIA BORGIA on MONDAY, Jan. 19, begins TODAY, at 9 o'clock, at the Academy of Music, Messrs. Van Norden & King's, Hall & Son's, and Bruening's Music Stores.

THE PALMER MARBLES

Still on exhibition at No. 504 Broadway.

BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.—THE NEW DRAMATIC SEASON! THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock, STILL WATERS RUN DEEP. AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, STILL WATERS RUN DEEP, as in the evening. THE THINNEST MAN IN THE WORLD—THE LEVIATHAN, OR GIGANTIC SERPENTS—THE HAPPY FAMILY, &c., may all be seen without extra charge. Admission to everything, 25 cents; Children under 10, 12½c.

TENEO, PIERFELD'S CLASSICAL SOIREE, the third of the seventh season, on TUESDAY, Jan. 20, at Dodworths. Mrs. CLARA M. BRINKERHOFF, and L. M. GOTTSCHALK will assist Mr. PIERFELD's Quartet Party.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—ITALIAN OPERA.

Mr. Maurice Strakosch begs to inform the public that the subscription books for the ITALIAN OPERA SEASON, now open at the office of the Academy of Music, Subscribers for the ensuing nights, with the choice of seats, $15.

DUSSELDORF GALLERY, NO. 697 BROADWAY.—The last collection of Paintings in this country. Hundreds of Paintings. Open day and evening. Admission 25 cents.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

MRS. MCMAHON

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, 1857,

will appear in the character of

ROMEO AND JULIET.

JULIET ..... MRS. MCMAHON
Lady Capulet ..... Mrs. Jones
Nurse ..... Mrs. Barrow
Romeo ..... Mr. Lanman
Mercutio ..... Mr. Wallack
Tybalt ..... Mr. Fredericks
Capulet ..... Mr. Barrow
Paris ..... Mr. Jones
Friar Lawrence ..... Mr. Fenno
Friar John ..... Mr. Pearson
Balthasar ..... Mr. Fox
Abram ..... Mr. Wallack
Gregory ..... Mr. Fox

Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office of the Academy of Music, and at the Theatre on Friday and Saturday, from 10 A. M. until 4 o'clock.

Tickets $1
Reserved Seats $1 50
Amphitheatre ..... 50c.
Private Boxes, according to size ..... $5 to $10

On MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 19, 1857,

MRS. MCMAHON

WILL MAKE HER ANNUAL APPEARANCE AT THE CHAMBERS-STREET THEATRE,

which has been entirely renovated.

Doors open at 7; Curtain rises at 7½ o'clock.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—ITALIAN OPERA.

The Subscribers for the Season of Italian Opera will be notified by mail, on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 19, for a season of 12 nights, commencing on Tuesday, Jan. 20, under the direction of MAURICE STRAKOSCH.

Prima Donna ..... LUCREZIA BORGIA
will be performed by the
MLLE. TERESA PARODI,
the celebrated Dramatic Contralto, who made her appearance at the Academy of Music in the opera of "Lucrezia," with Sig. TIBERINI in the part of Gennaro; Madlle Grisi, Mme. DORMY; Desi, Amodio, Signor Morini.

Regulations of Boxes.

Parquet, Dress Circle, First Tier $1
Secured Seats ..... 50c. Private Boxes $5
Family Circle ..... 50c. Private Boxes $3

Subscriptions for the season of 12 nights: Adm. and secured seat, $12.

The Box-Office opened on THURSDAY, Jan. 15, at the Academy of Music, for subscriptions only.

The Box-Office for general sale will be opened daily from 9 A. M. till 4 P. M., beginning on SATURDAY, Jan. 17, at the Academy of Music, Hall & Son's, Van Norden & King's and Bruening's.

Regular Opera nights, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

All Advertisements will be paid for in advance.

Doors open at 7. Opera commences at 8.

LAURA KEENE'S NEW THEATRE,

No. 624 BROADWAY, NEAR BRUNSWICK.

Doors open at 6½ o'clock; the performance will commence with the Overture at 7 o'clock.

TRIUMPHANT RESULTS!

CROWDED HOUSES!

BEAUTIFUL AND NOVEL FEATURE.

In consequence of the necessity of Mr. E. SHIPPY's absence from the City, on account of the sickness of his nearest relative, the management is obliged to withdraw for a few days the much admired drama,

RACHAEL, THE REAPER;

OR,

CLOUDS AND SUNSHINE.

On SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, 1857,

For the eighth time,

CAMILLE;

OR, a Moral of Life.

Supported by Messrs. G. Jordan, Burnett, T. B. Johnston, Lingham, Wemyss, Benson, Andrews, Mrs. T. B. Johnston, E. P. Gilchrist, Miss Harvey, Allowes, Wemyss, Mrs. Atwood and Miss Laura Keene.

MUSICAL REHEARSAL AND LA TRAVIATA WAIVED BY THE ORCHESTRA.

To conclude, for the twelfth time, with a new burlesque burlesque called

YOUNG RACHAEL;

OR, SPIRITS AND WAVES.

Produced with

New Scenery, Dresses, Appointments, &c. &c.

Young Rachel, with song ..... Miss Keene
supported by the whole company.

Ballet, with new Overture and Music by Mr. Thomas Baker.

BROADWAY THEATRE.

E. A. MARSHALL ..... Lessee
W. R. BLAKE ..... Stage Manager

Grand dramatic and musical combination in the third week.

TRAGEDY AND OPERA

presented alternately, with the greatest strength and excellence.

NINTH NIGHT

OF

THE GERMAN OPERA TROUPE,

SECOND TIME IN AMERICA

of Auber's beautiful composition,

THE MASON AND LOCKSMITH.

All the principal artistes, superb orchestra, effective chorus, engaged in the representation.

THIS EVENING, SATURDAY, JAN. 17, 1857,

TO-MORROW (Sunday) NIGHT—Will be given the second GRAND SACRED AND SELECT CONCERT by the German Opera Troupe, who will also perform on alternate nights next week with

MR. FORREST.

MONDAY—Will be revived the tragedy of MACBETH.

Macbeth ..... Mr. Forrest

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

Prices of Admission—Boxes and Parquette, $1; Upper Tier, 25 cents; Orchestra Stalls, $2.

SATURDAY, Jan. 17, 1857,

SPLENDID PROGRAMME

for the benefit of

Mrs. JOHN WOOD.

First time in two years of Buckstone's fine three act comedy of

LEAP YEAR,

Mrs. John Wood, Mr. Walcot, Mr. Hoey, Mr. Sullivan, Miss Mary Gannon, Mr. G. Holland, Mrs. Vernon, Mr. C. Stuart, Mr. Pearson, &c., &c.

First time of the petite comedy

BON PASQUALE.

Mr. Lester, Miss Charlotte Thompson, Mr. E. B. Phillips, Mrs. H. B. Phillips, Mr. G. S. Lee.

And, first time here,

MISCHIEF-MAKING.

Mrs. John Wood, Mr. G. Holland, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Lester, Miss F. Dawson, &c., &c.

Mrs. J. Wood will sing several favorite songs in the course of the evening.

BURTON'S NEW THEATRE, BROADWAY.

SATURDAY—A first class comedy, and a rousing farce.

Supported by the best comic talent.

THE HONEYMOON.

Duke Aranza, Mr. Belton; Rolando, Mr. C. Parker; Jacques, the mock Duke, Mr. Burton.

Balthazar, Mr. Mark Smith; Lopez, Mr. J. Newton; Jaquelo, Mr. Setchel.

Juliana, Mrs. Barrow; Volante, Mrs. C. Howard; Zamora, Miss F. Dawson.

The screaming farce, first time this season, of

THERMUMMY.

Toby Tramp, a tragedian and mummy, Mr. Burton.

On Monday—A new romantic drama, in four acts, called

VICE AND VIRTUE; OR, WOMAN'S HEART.

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DEBUT

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IN THE PART OF

On SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, 1857,

In Shakspeare's

Tragedy of

ROMEO AND JULIET.

Juliet ..... Mrs. McMahon
Romeo, (first time in New-York) ..... Miss Catherine Fagg

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Private Boxes, $5, $6, and all according to location.

JAMES S. WOOD, Treasurer.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.

Doors open at 6½; to commence at 7½ o'clock.

Tickets to all parts of the house, without reserved seats, 50 cents; Secured seats in Dress Circle and Parquette, 25 cents extra; Orchestra Armchairs, $1; Private Boxes, $5.

On SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, 1857, will be performed, by the

THE FYNE AND HARRISON OPERA COMPANY,

the popular Comic Opera

BON PASQUALE.

On Monday evening will be produced, for the first time in many years, the grand Romantic Opera of

THE MOUNTAIN SYLPH.

With new scenery, costumes and properties.

Full particulars in small bills, and at the office of the Opera.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—TERESA PARODI.

MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 19,

First appearance of

Mlle. TERESA PARODI,

In her great character of

LUCREZIA BORGIA.

BROOKLYN ATHENÆUM.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS.

MAURICE STRAKOSCH has engaged the Athenæum for the whole strength of the ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY of the Academy of Music, under his direction, will give

FOUR GRAND OPERATIC CONCERTS,

at the Brooklyn Athenæum, the first on THURSDAY, Jan. 22; the second on SATURDAY, Jan. 31; the third on THURSDAY, Feb. 12, and the last and best on THURSDAY, Feb. 26. The price of admission to these Concerts will be as follows:

Admission $1
Secured Seats ..... 50c.

Subscription for four Concerts, including secured seat, $5.

Subscriptions will be received at Messrs. VAN NORDEN & KING'S, Wall-st., and at the Athenæum, Brooklyn, beginning on MONDAY MORNING, Jan. 19.

BUCKLEY'S SERENADERS

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Immense Success.

CROWDED HOUSES

To witness the grand Operatic Burlesque of

DON JUAN;

Or, A Cracow in a Blue House,

which will be repeated EVERY EVENING this week.

Preceding which,

ETHIOPIAN MINSTRELSY.

Concert commences at 7½ o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—THE CRYSTAL PALACE is still open to the Public, and contains many things curious and wonderful. The entire show is worth the price of admission.

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We understand that we are [illegible] in saying as doing everything we could [illegible] or satisfy the Tribune. Whatever other [illegible] may [illegible] the editorial conduct of this journal, *it is true to its ruling dislike of the* DAILY TIMES. It is not for us to contest the justice of this sentiment,—nor is it necessary, for the enlightenment of the public, that we should notice its parroding influence over the columns of our amiable neighbor. *We mention the fact only as an excuse for the silence with which we generally treat the misrepresentations and calumnies which from time to time give spirit, if not variety, to its editorial page.* We depart from that silence now only because yesterday's *Tribune*, in the *indulgence of its rooted habit, suggests matters* of some general interest concerning the conduct of the Public Press,—a topic upon which that paper has been eloquent hitherto, when it could be made an occasion for assailing the TIMES. The *Tribune* says:

"We now hear through a dispatch from Washington to the NEW-YORK TIMES, which we copy in another column, that Mr. H. J. RAYMOND, the editor of that paper, was examined before the Investigating Committee, on Wednesday, and declined to testify. Mr. RAYMOND admitted, in the first place, that he had no original information on the subject, the positive and sweeping statements in his paper having been made on mere 'moral convictions;' and then he totally declined to give the names of the parties from whom this sort of evidence was derived. This strikes us as a *lamentable falling off* from that high tone of vindictive virtue with which the NEW-YORK TIMES opened the war. In addition to this, we this morning have a dispatch from one of our own Washington correspondents, who states that Mr. SIMONTON, the correspondent of the NEW-YORK TIMES, was examined yesterday, and after a long interrogation utterly refused to answer a question put to him. The reason of this refusal is not stated; but it seems pretty plain that the gentlemen of the NEW-YORK TIMES *are not so brave in the good cause* as they were at the beginning.

We trust, however, that in spite of Mr. RAYMOND's failure, and Mr. SIMONTON's refusal to answer, the investigation will amount *to something. If there is* such corruption, let us have the facts. Let the country be satisfied, either by the exposure and punishment of the scoundrels, or by the purification of Congressional honor from these imputations—that is, if there is power in the House to ascertain anything from witnesses who had rather not testify. Especially let the Committee not be induced by the impossibility of extracting any new truth out of RAYMOND and SIMONTON, *to despair of the whole body of the representatives of the Press at Washington.* Let them overhaul all the correspondents, and see what light they have to cast on this interesting body of darkness. Who will furnish us with a complete list of these gentlemen to publish *for the information of the Committee?*"

The *Tribune* need not be at all alarmed lest the Committee should lack "information" concerning "representatives of the Press at Washington;" nor is there any reason for supposing that its publication of such information would *carry with it even the "mere moral conviction"* that it was worthy of notice. Up to the present time, certainly, the vehement statements of the *Tribune*, upon this subject, have failed to elicit any attention whatever from Congress or the Committee.

The *Tribune* affects great surprise that the positive and sweeping statements in the TIMES, concerning corruption in Congress, should have been made upon *"mere* moral conviction" of their truth, instead of "original information" on the subject. Now original information, on such a matter as this, means immediate, *personal knowledge* of the facts; and it has probably occurred to the *Tribune* that such knowledge of *bribery and corruption* is quite certain *to be* confined to those who are parties to it. The Member of Congress who takes money for his vote, the person who pays him the money, and the man *through* whom the bargain and the payment are made, are the only persons likely to possess such "original information." Mr. RAYMOND did certainly "admit" that he had none. Mr. SIMONTON probably "admitted" the same thing. The *Tribune* hopes that the Committee will not, on *their* account, "despair of the whole body of the representatives of the press at Washington." If its solicitude grows out of any fear that its own correspondents will be neglected in the premises, it is probably uncalled for. We are certain, at all events, that if the Editor of the *Tribune* will mention to the Committee the name of any one of its correspondents who has, or is likely to have, "original information" concerning the *bribery* of members of Congress, he will promptly receive at their hands assurances of the most distinguished consideration.

The *Tribune* seems surprised that the TIMES should have made its statements on this subject, upon "mere *moral* conviction." It thus implies that a Journalist must not, in the discharge of his functions, assume anything to be true, which he cannot *prove* true by evidence admissible in a Court of Justice. When any attack is made upon the private character of an individual, this is, of course, the rule to be observed. But will the *Tribune* contend for it in regard to all matters of public concern? Does it deny the right of an Editor, when satisfied in his own mind,—"morally convinced" by information derived from reliable and intelligent sources,—that corruption pervades a public body, to declare that conviction and call public attention to the subject? The *Tribune* itself constantly acts upon the opposite theory. It denounces abuses everywhere,—in the Common Council, in the Executive departments of the City, State and Federal Governments,—which it could not fasten, by legal proof, upon any individual in *either. And in this it does nothing more than* its duty. If the Press can act upon no other evidence than such as is required to satisfy a Court of Justice, then it can do nothing more than those courts can do:—it loses its place as a public institution, and becomes utterly and *absurdly useless, as a guardian of the public* welfare. The real function of the Press is to supply precisely that kind and degree of guardianship over public interests which courts of justice cannot afford. Its highest service lies in denouncing wrongs and crimes which actually exist, but which cannot be proved or punished by law. This it must do upon a "moral conviction" of the existence of these abuses, and the justice of its denunciations. It must have knowledge of the facts,—not necessarily *personal* knowledge, "original information,"—but such information, and from such sources, as leaves upon the mind of its conductors no *doubt of the truth of the statements made.*

But the *Tribune* makes a third point against the TIMES in this matter. It censures Mr. RAYMOND for "declining to give the names of the parties from whom *this sort* of evidence was derived,"—in other words for not handing over to the Committee, and of course to the public, the names of these parties. In the first place, it does not appear that even those parties had "original information" upon the subject, or that *their* evidence would have been technically admissible before the Committee. But whether it would or not, Mr. RAYMOND did unhesitatingly refuse to give the names of his informants;—and whether he questioned the right or not,—he certainly did not concede the power of the Committee, or of Congress, to [illegible] him to such a disclosure. And [illegible] of doing so merely reserved out a [illegible] upon which the editorial conduct of the DAILY TIMES is based. *Whenever any person communicates to the Editor of the TIMES, information touching public affairs which it is important for the public to know, and whenever the Editor is satisfied that it is done in good faith and from proper motives, the confidence of his informant will be kept under all circumstances, and at any hazard.* Upon such a matter as this every Editor must, of course, act upon his own *sense of propriety. The Editor of the Tribune* may, if he sees fit, adopt the rule which he censures us for not adopting—and throw off all responsibility for the statements he makes in the discharge of his duty, upon those who give *him information. We claim no right to lay* down rules for his guidance. We only deny his right to hold us to any such rules in the conduct of the TIMES. We shall not act upon them, nor upon the principle which they imply. We shall preserve sacredly, and at all times, the confidence of those who may give us information which we can use for the public *good.*

The *Tribune* is very anxious to have it understood that the TIMES does not sustain the truth *of its original statements in regard to Congressional corruption.* Perhaps the *Tribune* will be good enough to inform us when and by whom those statements have been impeached. Congress has not denied their truth. No member of Congress has ventured to say, even that he believed them to be untrue. Even the *Tribune* itself, with all its eagerness to fasten *something* upon the TIMES, has not indicated any doubt of their substantial justice. On the other hand, a member of Congress has openly declared in his place, from his own personal knowledge, that these *statements were not* wanting in truth. This is quite enough for us. It shows conclusively that we were not talking at random in what we said—that we had good warrant for the statements we made upon this subject, of which the truth has not, as yet, been denied. We have no doubt that the Committee of Investigation will, in the progress of its labors, elicit a good deal more proof to the same effect. That, however, is their business—not ours. We are not a prosecuting Attorney in this case,—nor have we volunteered to perform the duties of Police in connection with it. It is no part of our business to hunt up witnesses for this Committee, —*nor do we feel the slightest personal concern* in the result of its investigation. If the Committee is vigilant and *in earnest*, we believe it will detect corruption in Congress, and fasten it upon individual members. Whether it does or not—we adhere to our own "moral convictions" upon the subject, and shall continue to act upon them.

Difficulty of Getting In and Out of the City.

Considering that at least seven-eighths of the travel to and from New-York is by water, it must be confessed that very inadequate accommodations have been provided for getting to and from the City, especially in the Winter season. The traveling public have an abiding confidence that somebody or other will take the requisite pains necessary for their transportation to any part of the world they may desire to visit, and, moreover, they have the most confiding trust that whatever means may be provided for their conveyance will be perfectly safe, and managed by perfectly competent men. A man purchases a house on Staten Island, in Hoboken, or Brooklyn, for instance; *removes* his family there, and makes all his arrangements for going to his home daily, or twice a day, and never doubts that whenever he wants to cross the water he will find a safe mode of conveyance. But the Winter *experiences of people doing business in* New-York and having their homes across the water, must have satisfied them that their confidence has been sadly misplaced. Men living on Staten Island are often compelled to remain all day at home when their business called them to town, or to remain all night in the City to their own discomfort and the consternation of their families. The case is not much better with our nearer neighbors of Brooklyn, who waste away many valuable hours waiting to get ferried over the river. The obstacles to a free ferriage to and from the City are occasioned by the ice; they were most alarming last Winter, and they have been hardly less so during the present season, since the hard weather commenced. Yet these obstructions ought not to interrupt the passage to and from the City for a moment; they might be overcome with entire ease, and it is surprising that, when so large a body of influential, wealthy and enterprising men are interested in their removal, they should have been permitted to be the cause of so much loss of time and annoyance.

The ice around the City, either in the bay or either of the rivers, can never be very firm, and nothing is required but a properly constructed boat to cut a channel through the *floating ice at any time. But, even if the de*tention of passengers by reason of the ice were of no consequence, the danger of their lives from the frail boats which are put upon the ferries should be sufficient to induce the proprietors of the ferries to have proper boats constructed for Winter navigation. Two boats were sunk last Winter by the ice, and it was by mere accident that a fearful loss of life did not follow in consequence. The Brooklyn ferry boats leave the slip crowded with human beings, numbering often more than a thousand, and in case of the sinking of a boat the loss of lives would be enormous before any assistance could be rendered. Happily, by great caution, no such calamity has yet happened; but nothing but good luck and great care has prevented it. There should not, however, be any possibility of such a catastrophe; the boats should be so built that they could force their *way through the floes of ice surely and securely,* at all times.

The Union Ferry Company had made arrangements for the construction of a proper ferry boat for the Winter, the cost of which would have been $70,000; but they abandoned it on the ground of inadequate means; they could not build the boat without they lowered their dividends, and so they sacrificed the safety and convenience of the public for the sake of the stockholders of the Company. This is not the way in which such companies should be managed. The public should be cared for first, before the profits of stockholders are looked after.

It would be to the profit of property holders on Long Island, if they were to club together and make the United Ferry Company of Brooklyn a safe ferry-boat; for, if the obstructions to crossing the East River should continue, many families will be compelled to take up their quarters elsewhere.

WASTING WATER.—If the people of New-York could be made sensible of the inconvenience which the Brooklynites are now laboring under from a scarcity of water, they would not so recklessly waste the precious Croton which has heretofore so copiously supplied our wants. We have water in abundance, but, unless the people are influenced by more prudent considerations in its use, we shall experience one of these days the terrible consequence of a scarcity of the prime necessity of life. A long-continued drouth has caused many of the wells of Brooklyn to give out, and water *has become, over there,* a very scarce commodity. But here we are not sensible of drouths, and yet the great source of our supply is seriously affected by them. The possibility of the Croton's giving out should be sufficient to cause every inhabitant of the City to prevent an unnecessary waste of water. It is estimated that as great a quantity of water is allowed to run *to waste as is used.* The President of the Croton Aqueduct Department has issued a proclamation warning all the users of the Croton that the penalties for allowing the water to run to waste will be strictly enforced, and we trust that he will put his threat in execution. The police are instructed to report all delinquents, and we would recommend the officers *of the department to keep an eye upon the* supply pipes which are kept constantly running at the ferry landings, especially at the Fulton Ferry. *The Croton is a blessing that cannot* be overestimated, and every means should be adopted to prevent a diminution of it.

CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday, the resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy to give information as to the number of desertions from the Navy since the passage of the act to promote the efficiency of that branch of the public service, was considered, but was laid aside for the special order—the bill providing for the settlement of the claims of Revolutionary officers. After the loss of a motion to postpone it indefinitely, the matter was finally postponed until the first Monday in next December, by a vote of 24 to 23. Adjourned to Monday.

In the House; after the passage of thirteen private bills, Mr. KELSEY, the Chairman of the Corruption Investigating Committee, rose to a question of privilege, and offered a preamble and resolutions—the former setting forth that JOSEPH L. CHESTER had been summoned before the Committee and had neglected to appear, and the latter directing the Speaker to issue his warrant to the Sergeant-at-Arms, commanding him to bring CHESTER to the bar of the House to answer for contempt. Considerable objection was made, and doubts were expressed as to the authority of the House to take any such step, but the records of the House were cited to prove that a proper precedent existed; and after an unsuccessful motion to lay the resolution on the table, it was passed almost unanimously. Previous to its passage, Mr. BROOM, of Pennsylvania, stated that he had been informed that Mr. CHESTER was sick and unable to be present before the Committee. No other business was done.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The Legislature works hard, and with an evident determination to transact the business before it in the shortest possible time. A mass of business is gone through with daily, a great portion of which, however, is of course of merely local interest. Among the *bills* reported favorably in the Senate yesterday, was the one relative to the Court of Sessions in Kings County; the one *amending the General Manufacturing law*, and Mr. RICHARDSON's, regulating interest on money. Notice was given of a bill to amend the General Banking law. Mr. SPENCER introduced his bill relative to party walls. The resolution giving the thanks of the State and a gold medal to Lieut. HARTSTEIN, for the rescue of Dr. KANE, was passed unanimously.

In the Assembly, the Annual Report of the State Engineer and Surveyor was presented. Notice was given of a bill to abolish the office of City Judge in this City. Various bills were introduced notice of which has been heretofore given. A joint resolution was introduced fixing Tuesday, the 3d of February, as the time for electing a United States Senator. Another joint resolution condemns the renewal of patents, and requests our Representatives in Congress to oppose all such applications.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE.—Eight years ago, when Gov. SEWARD first took his seat in the Senate of the United States, there were but *two* members of that body who avowed any kind of sympathy with the political sentiments he was known to represent. Next Winter *there will be in that body twenty Senators*, acting openly and steadily with the Republican Party. It is not easy to believe, in the face of such results, that the cause of hostility to the extension of Slavery has made no progress.

SAGACIOUS COLONEL KEITT.—If Mr. BUCHANAN does not come into office fully and *thoroughly instructed as to the demands of the* ultra Pro-Slavery men of the South, it will be his own fault. They certainly lose no opportunity of enlightening him on the subject. Col. KEITT, of South Carolina, has just been making a speech in which he denounced the doctrine of popular sovereignty in the Territories, and demanded that Slavery should be recognized by the General Government as older than law,—as identical in its origin and equal in its sanctions with the institution of marriage and that of individual property! Whatever else may perish, the institution of Slavery, Col. KEITT said, would be saved.

"*Great wit to madness nearly is allied,*
And thin partitions do their realms divide."

Col. Benton.

Col. BENTON has agreed to re-deliver his Union Address at some early day at Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER's Church. Every lady of course will go, to convince the venerable Senator that there are ladies in Brooklyn as well as in the Bible and the Thirty Years.

Obituary.

SAMUEL J. HOUDON, of the United States Coast Survey, died on board the surveying cutter *Agassiz*, in the harbor of Key West, on the 14th of December, in the 22d year of his age. He was a native of York, Penn.

MOSES STOCKEY, one of the pioneers of Illinois, died at his residence, near Belleville, on the 4th inst., aged 68. He emigrated with his father from Hardy County, Va., in 1801.

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The floating ice in the rivers yesterday was [illegible] *little run strong as a Sheriff rule. In the Lower* [illegible] it was particularly annoying to vessels. The [illegible] *Sprem*, of B[illegible], Me., Capt. Gray, from Cienfuegos Dec. 31, arrived off Sandy Hook yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, having previously been boarded by pilot-boat John W. Avery, N. [illegible]. She was under sail proceeding up the Swash Channel, close hauled, when she encountered a heavy field of ice near the Dumpling Beacon. It struck her with great force, and drove in her lumber port, causing her to sink almost immediately. The extent of damage was not ascertained, and no danger was apprehended, until the vessel began to sink by the head. In less than ten minutes from the time she encountered the ice, her decks were level with the water. Orders were immediately given to square the mainyard, and the helm was put to port, to run the vessel upon the shoal water of the *middle ground*; but before the yawl-boat, which was bottom up on the main-hatch, could be cleared away, she was sinking from under them. The boat was thrown quickly over the side, and Captain GRAY, the pilot and crew sprang into her, as she lurched heavily to starboard and sunk. The men saved nothing but what they stood in.

Capt. WEEKS, of the steamtug *Underwriter*, which *was not far off at the time, noticing the situation of* the bark and the signal of distress, went to their rescue, *and took the crew on board*, eleven in all, viz.: Capt. GRAY, pilot, first and second mate, steward, five seamen, and a boy; the boy was badly frostbitten coming on the coast Wednesday night.

An effort was made by the Captain to obtain something from the cabin by cutting a hole through the upper portside which was out of water, but without success. The *Underwriter* remained by the vessel through the day, saving what they could. They succeeded in getting the fore and main topsails, fore and main topgallant sails, jib and flying jib, and also the forward running rigging. They also saved two boats.

When the tug left the wreck, about 5 P. M., the tide was just making ebb, which, with the ice, hooked the bark down so that the starboard topgallant-yardarms were in the water. The ice was also drifting over her, cutting rigging and spars, and threatening *to finish the work of destruction.*

Capt. GRAY was spoken by the *Hector* in the morning and offered a tow, but thinking he could reach the City under sail, the wind being nearly fair, he declined to take a tow.

Her cargo consists of 835 hogsheads of sugar; her consignee is not known; she is insured in Wall-street. The vessel, which is 238 tons, and not very new, is probably insured in Bath. Her deck will probably be out of water at low tide, and the Underwriters schooner, with an efficient crew, will be sent down to her to-day. Captain GRAY belongs to Fall River. The mate, Mr. RUSSELL, and the second mate, WM. CUMMINGS, are from Bath, Me. The crew have taken lodgings at Mr. HERRESHOFF's boarding-house, in Franklin-square.

THE FERRIES.

At the Brooklyn ferry yesterday morning about a hundred carts had accumulated in a jam as tight as the ice floes in the river; the sentiment of self preservation kept us at a respectable distance when the "jam" poured through the gates upon the boat. In one case there was such a crowd of foot-passengers that no teams could get on to the boat. The passengers scrambled upon the upper deck, descended into the engine-room, and filled every nook and corner of the boat.

One of the wheel-houses of a Fulton Ferry-boat was crushed in by the ice, and the boat healed down so that water came upon the deck. The ladies mounted the trucks and wagons to keep their feet dry.

The Peck-slip boats hauled off at at 6 A. M., and did not make their appearance again, except to ventilate, just at dark. They take it easy here, but then only one of their boats is fit for the service.

ROBERT CARR, the Engineer of the *Oneida*, which was so badly scalded by the explosion on board of that boat, Wednesday, was as comfortable as could be expected yesterday.

The Hamilton-avenue ferry-boat that left New-York at a quarter to seven Thursday evening, got opposite Governor's Island at half past eight, and reached Brooklyn five minutes before ten. It took nearly an hour to land the passengers, on account of the ice accumulated in the dock. Good time this. The passengers, notwithstanding the delay, continued to keep jolly throughout their protracted sufferings. The boats employed on this dangerous service will do for summer weather, but for these trying times are totally unfit.

The Wall-street boat *Metropolis* became unmanageable in the ice, on account of her rudder chains getting foul, when the *Exchange* attempted to go to her relief. She had got a good headway on, and, not stopping *her engines in season, struck the other boat with such* force as to knock down horses and men on her decks, *start the wood-work, &c. The fright among the pas*sengers extemporized some ludicrous scenes—but nobody was hurt.

It was very cold all day, but, being calm, it was not intolerable. Ice was making in the rivers. If the mercury sticks at its present point, we shall soon have a home supply of this very useful material—in its place.

Brig *Fawn*, Bunker, from San Francisco for Coos Bay, was capsized Nov. 23, in a southwest gale, about 20 miles north of Umpqua River. The first mate and three seamen were drowned. The brig drifted ashore near Frisean River. The captain and the rest of the crew were taken off the wreck by an Indian in a canoe. The brig is a total loss. She had a cargo of merchandise valued at $60,000.

Ship *Wellington*, at New-York from New-Orleans, carried away rudder head and sprung mainmast 21st ult., lat. 29°, lon. 69°, in a gale. Was 16 days north of Hatteras, with constant gales; lost sails and had half the crew frost-bitten. Had such a weight of ice forward that it brought the bow down six inches, and was forced to go into the Gulf Stream to get clear of it.

TARPAULIN COVE, Jan. 14.—Arrived, brig *Sarah Bernice*, Keene, Port au Prince, 41 days, with loss of sails, part of deckload, bulwarks, &c.; also one passenger and one seaman. One seaman is also sick.

Masonic.

The fourth anniversary of Metropolitan Lodge No. 278 of Free and Accepted Masons, was celebrated on Thursday evening, at Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Centre streets. An address was delivered by Hon. Mr. RAYMOND. During the evening, Mr. F. TIEDALE, the W. Master of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of this City, presented the Metropolitan Lodge with the Bible on which Gen. WASHINGTON is said to have been first sworn in as President of the United States, at Federal Hall, in Wall-street. The other exercises consisted of singing and a benediction. The hall was crowded by an attentive audience, a large portion of which was composed of ladies.

No Street-Cleaning Contract Yet.

The bids for cleaning the City streets were to be considered yesterday, but, inasmuch as no apportionment had been made for the purpose, the opening of the bids was postponed for two weeks. By that time, we trust, Master EELING will have found a contractor to suit him, and the Common Council have made some such appropriation as Comptroller FLAGG put in his annual estimate, that the work may go in hand; though the rule is to wait until the streets are impassable, and then contract at the highest price for the very worst method of reopening them. We are a queer people,—we ache in every joint to be imposed upon, and are morally insane in our passion for tax-paying.

Postponement of the Printers' Festival.

The customary ball and banquet in aid of the Printers' Library, will not take place as usual on the anniversary of FRANKLIN's birth-day, as the 17th occurs this year on Saturday. A lecture on Printers and Printing will be delivered at the Clinton Hall about the 28th, by Dr. FRIMS, and a ball will be held at the City Assembly Rooms on the 16th of February—both in aid of the said institution.

Child Badly Burned in a Public School-Room.

AMELIA BUSHING, aged 9 years, was badly burned Thursday morning, in the Public School-house No. 13 in Houston-street, between Essex and Norfolk streets, by her clothes taking fire from a stove at which she was warming herself. Dr. SUTPHEN attended the little sufferer, after which she was taken to her residence, No. 170 Essex-street. The accident occurred in the female apartment. The child stood by the wood stove, with one foot upon the front pole, when a spark flew out and set fire to her apron, and in a few minutes she was enveloped in flames. There were only three other children in the classroom at the time. The burning child rushed from the room screaming in agony for help. The teacher hastened to her assistance, and, after a severe struggle, succeeded, with the help of two of the teachers, [illegible]

BUSINESS NOTICES.

TWO LEDGERS IN THE FIELD—EVERYBODY SAYS THE BEST IS THE LEDGER OF ROMANCE.

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NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.—In consequence of the large amount of freight and for the purpose of facilitating the transportation over the road, the Directors have decided to discontinue the Express train leaving White st. Depot at 4 o'clock P. M., and Albany at 10½ A. M., on and after Monday, Jan. 12, 1857, until further notice. The Mail train and Night Express will continue as heretofore to run on these lines between Albany and New-York.
WM. J. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

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OR

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A STORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

BY SYLVANUS COBB, Jr.,

Author of the "Gunmaker of Moscow," "The Storm Secret," "Orion, the Gold-Beater," etc., etc.

CHAPTER I.

THE YOUNG REBEL AND THE SCOUT.

It was on a cold afternoon, in the latter part of January, 1777. The ground was covered with a deep snow, and the air was sharp and cutting. Not far from Amboy, New-Jersey, on a road running north, traveled a man, in whose affairs we have some interest. He was young—not over four-and-twenty; of medium height; strong, and stoutly built; with wavy hair, of a dark brown hue, and eyes of a brilliant, dark bluish gray. Upon his handsome features there was a cast of firmness and strength of purpose which was not to be mistaken; and they who knew him best knew that a trust was safe with him. His dress betrayed him to be a sea-faring man and an officer, though the rough pea jacket which he wore as an additional barrier against the cold, had but little of the official look about it. He was mounted upon a powerful horse, upon the back of which, beneath the saddle, was spread a warm blanket. Both beast and rider were well protected from the cold, and all would have gone well, but for the state of the road.

As we have intimated, the traveler was bound northward, and he found the road anything but easy to travel. Some one had been over the road since the last fall of snow, but the tracks had been filled up by the driving wind, so that our present wayfarer was under the necessity of opening his own way. In some places the snow was piled up in such banks that the horse had to wallow through without foothold; while at others he could walk for some distance quite comfortably. Yet it was tedious work, and more than once the rider plainly expressed his impatience.

"Easy—easy, Lion," he said, addressing his horse, as a huge bank was reached. "We must take our time. Zounds! we shan't reach Elizabethtown to-night at this rate. Easy—easy. There we go!"

As he spoke, they emerged from the bank, and the rider was upon the point of urging his horse on, when he noticed that the animal behaved strangely. There was a tossing of the head—a pricking of the ears, and a low, meaning whinny. The man drew in the rein and stopped, and then turned his head. The problem was solved. There was a horseman behind him; and as he had partially beaten a path, the other came on mere easily.

The first impression of our friend seemed to be to keep on; for those were times when it was not very safe to pick up acquaintances on the road. However, at the worst it could only be man to man; so he stopped; but before the stranger came up he unbuttoned the lower part of his heavy jacket and in arranging the garment so that it could be quickly raised in case of need, he revealed the butts of two large boarding-pistols.

The new-comer was a man not easily to be forgotten, having been once seen. He was some fifty years of age; rather short in stature, but stout enough in frame to make up for it. His shoulders were broad and heavy, but yet of just proportion, his whole frame being "stocky" and muscular in the extreme. His face was mostly covered by a long, thick growth of beard, which was of an iron-gray color, and which was evidently trimmed by either shears or razor. Yet he had none of that "bearish" look which sometimes results from an unshaven face. His beard grew regularly, leaving the upper part of the cheeks bare, and his features were plain and pleasing, though they possessed an expression which might not have been so pleasing to a foe. His eyes were strangely sharp and keen; of a deep brown hue, and seeming at times like two sparks of fire, beneath the heavy brows. His dress consisted of thick moccasins; leggins of deer-skin; a hunting-shirt of dark brown stuff, trimmed with blue; a short, cape-like cloak of bear-skin, and a cap of seal-skin. The shirt was secured about the waist by a stout leathern belt, within which were secured two heavy pistols and a long, broad-bladed knife. A pouch, or haversack, of untanned skin, hung by his side, while across his back was slung a long rifle. Such was the stranger, and he was one well calculated to excite the scrutiny of any who might meet him.

"Good day, Sir," said the young man, as the other came up, at the same time casting a searching glance into his face.

"The same to yourself, Sir," was the response.

"This is rather hard traveling," resumed the first.

"Aye—it must have been for you. But I got along quite comfortably in your track."

"I suppose so," returned the youth. And thereupon ensued a silence of some moments, which was at length broken by the elder of the two.

"I know these are dangerous times," he said; "and most people like to keep themselves to themselves; but if I may judge from your face and general look, you are a Rebel."

"Does my face bear the look of such?" the young man asked, not at all moved.

"It bears the look of an American child; and also wears an honest expression; so I judged you were one who rebelled against tyranny, especially when that tyranny was binding its chains upon the country of your love."

"Throw out your flattery, Sir, and you speak the truth," said the youth. "I am a Rebel."

The old man reached forth his hand and caught his new found companion with a hearty grip.

"And here is a pair of us," he said, with a smile. "Perhaps you have heard of a somewhat notorious Rebel called KARMEL?"

"What? *The Scout?*" cried the other, quickly.

"Yes."

"Of course I've heard of him. Who has not?"

"Many have, I know. But I am the man. Now will you not exchange with me?"

"Surely I will," the young man answered. "My name is Robert Pemberton."

"*Captain* Robert Pemberton?"

"Yes—if you will."

The youth had not been more moved by the discovery of his companion's character, than was the latter at the sound of that name. He started suddenly, as if with the presence of some momentous thought, while his face betrayed considerable anxiety.

"You have not been long on shore, I think," he said.

"No. I have just come in. That is,—I have just got my affairs so arranged that I could leave them."

"Have you been on a cruise?"

"Yes. And I have brought in something that will cause glad hearts at the American camp. Washington is at Morristown, they tell me."

"Yes. The main body of the army is there. But what have you brought in?"

"A heavy store-brig which was meant for Gen. Howe. I captured it a week ago. She has a most valuable cargo. A messenger has already been sent to Gen. Washington, and I suppose he has reached the camp by this time."

"You gave him no written instructions?"

"No, Sir."

"That's a good!" cried Karmel, enthusiastically. "But now," he added, in a different tone, where are you bound?"

"To Elizabethtown."

"So I supposed. You are going to see your sister?"

"Yes, Sir. You seem to know me well."

"I know your sister, Sir; and you may bless your fate that I do; and also that I have overtaken you as I have. I came over from the lower end of Staten Island very soon after you passed. But your sister is not in Elizabethtown."

"Ha! not in— But where has she gone?"

"To New-Brunswick, Sir."

"To New-Brunswick!" repeated Pemberton, in surprise. "Why—the British army is there, is it not?"

"Yes."

"It is strange she should have gone there. How long since she went?"

"About two weeks."

"What? When she knew that the British were about there?"

"Ah—but she did not know it; or, if she did, she was made to believe that they would not remain long there," said the old scout, in a tone, and with a look that meant more that he spoke.

"How?" uttered the youth, starting; "was made to believe? What do you mean? Speak plainly."

"Well, then—plainly: The woman with whom you left her,—Nancy Reed, I think her name is?"

"Yes," whispered Robert, impatiently.

"Is not so honest as she might be. A sum of gold has persuaded her to move to New-Brunswick and take her charge with her!"

"That is not all!" gasped the youth, trembling. "Tell me all!"

"I will, though you must not fear too much. An English colonel, named James Lyndarm, has seen her, and tried to win her love; but, upon being repulsed, he engaged the services of her hostess. Thus he has got her near to him, and will of course do all he can to win her over."

For some moments Pemberton was too much moved to speak. A sudden horror had come upon him, and his face betrayed the most intense agony.

"I go to the British camp!" he at length said, in a tone of decision which was not to be mistaken.

"Remember that you have much at stake," hinted the scout. "It will do your sister no good if you are taken prisoner by the enemy."

"I shall venture that. By the powers of life above me, it will be a sorry job for those that think to capture me!" Old man," the youth added, in a low, deep tone of more than ordinary feeling, "I love that sister as only one can love who has no such. She is a being made up of the holiest virtues of earth. She has been to me a star of promise—a bright beacon in the darkest hours. I love her—oh! God only knows how deeply! And she loves me, too. Oh! Clara! Clara! if harm comes to thee, the man who does it shall wish in his heart that he had been born a worm and never seen the light of day!"

There was a bright tear in Robert's eye as he spoke, and as he dashed it away he turned his horse's head once more to the northward.

"Hold—one moment," interposed the scout. "Answer me one question: Is there not another whom you love?"

"Why do you ask?" the youth returned.

"Because I have reasons for wishing to know."

"Well—there is."

"And her name is Rosalie Lincoln?"

"You are right. Is she in danger?" Robert asked this with much eagerness.

"Not such danger as threatens your sister; but she is yet in danger. Her father will give her away to your cousin Hiram, and all that has prevented the consummation of the plan is the sickness of her mother."

A dark cloud swept across the fair face of the young man, and the compression of the bloodless lips told that he was powerfully moved.

A RHYME.

BY ALICE CARY.

The blossoms were dancing in their sleep—
Dropping and sliding over my face,
And we heard about us the mice creep to their
And the moon, with powerful spell,
Beckoned me on with her yellow hand
Into the cloudy and clamorous night.

An hour! what a breath of time it seems,
And yet it was long enough, in souls,
To travel out of the land of dreams
Into the realm of truth!
A wet black realm of bare, baked sands,
And always wringing and reaching hands.

I was stooping down to lift dust, to draw
My lover's picture, in fear and doubt,
When the sudden rain, with a gusty flaw,
Blew the moonshine out—
The moonshine chilly, and still, and bright,
Leaving me only the ghost of light.

CHAPTER II.

A MORNING'S WORK.

We have already occupied too much of our space with this story, but the next chapter is so fine we cannot resist the temptation to publish it. The balance, other than can only be had in the New-York Ledger, the great family paper, for which Fanny Fern, Mrs. Sigourney, and all the great writers contribute, and for which this story was especially written. Remember to ask for the Ledger of Jan. 24, which is now for sale at all the news offices, and in it you will find the continuation. But, to return to our heroes: The host counted fifteen of the soldiers, all armed, mounted, drawn up around the door, upon which they were still knocking.

"What's to be done?" he asked, turning to the guest.

"I suppose they want lodging for the night," Karmel replied; "and perhaps supper. If they do, I don't think you'll have to admit them."

"Then you and Captain Pemberton had better go to your room. If they see the door and ask to stay, that apartment, I'll tell 'em somebody's sick in it."

The two patriots knew that it would be useless to oppose themselves, so they resolved to retire at once. One of the boys showed them to their room, and shortly afterwards the old man opened the front door to admit the soldiers.

"You don't mean to say that you're awake all night, old head?" cried the officer of the squad, as the host made his appearance.

"I mean to say that you awoke me out of a sound sleep," returned Peter.

"Well, well,—never mind, now. We want you to find room for ourselves and horses till morning. What do you?"

"Of course the soldiers of the King are welcome."

"Bravely spoken, old man. We'll eat, drink and stay, and then be off. Ugh! It's cold and blustery to-night."

Thus speaking, the officer dismounted, and the two boys were again called. Some of the soldiers went with them to the barn, and room for the horses was found without difficulty. The animals of the two rebels were housed with the cattle, and were not noticed.

The new-comers ate about all there was cooked in the house, and then wished to be shown some place where they could sleep. Most of them preferred to stay upon blankets on the kitchen floor, but two of them did say they wishing for a chamber, and these two were the officers, one a sergeant, and the other a corporal. The first had but one spare chamber left, and that was occupied by the one in which the two rebels were. He conducted them up to that room, and having shown them in, he bade them good night, and hoped they would make themselves as comfortable enough as the circumstances would allow. The old man had just lighted a candle, and as he did so, he heard a rap was heard upon the door—a loud, peremptory knock. Armstrong passed in through the front room and looked out at the window.

"Death and destruction," he exclaimed, as he turned towards his guests. "What do you?" asked the scout.

"Come and see."

Both Karmel and Robert went to the window, and when they looked out they saw the space before the house occupied by a detachment of British soldiers!

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No. 261 Broadway.

FURS AT COST.
At HARLEY'S, No. 34 John-st.,
and No. 35 Maiden-lane.
Fur Mantillas and Cuffs, $20.
Fur Capes and Cuffs, $8.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A NORTH-OF-Ireland Protestant woman, to do the housework of a family; can do good plain cooking, washing and ironing; is neat, willing and obliging, and will be found a trustworthy, faithful woman; would do chamberwork; will take from $8 to $6 in a good home. Can be seen in the basement of No. 346 8th-av., near 28th-st., to-day and Monday.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXPERIenced young woman as good plain cook, and is a good baker and a good washer and ironer, or would do the housework of a small private family. Wages not so much an object as a good home. Can give the best of reference as to character and capability. Call at No. 216 East 14th-st. for two days, second floor, front room.

WANTED—BY TWO STEADY RESPECTABLE girls, situations, one as meat and pastry cook, makes all kinds of bread, and is an excellent laundress, the other is a neat chambermaid and waitress, can do the washing and ironing and fluting; both are able to do their work well: have four years reference. Call at No. 129 Waverly-place.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHILD'S NURSE, by a good plain sewer, and will do light chamberwork; *would like to travel with a family.* Apply at her present place, No. 1 Lamartine place, West 29th-st., between 8th and 9th ave., for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN AMERICAN Protestant woman to do the general housework of a small family; looks more for a good home than high wages. Has the best of City references. Call at No. 275 Bowery.

WANTED—BY A MIDDLE-AGED FEMALE, OF experience, a situation as ladies' nurse, or the care of an invalid; has the best recommendations; can be seen at No. 62 Bowery.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—By a dry goods jobbing house, a man to act as cashier, and to assist in collections. He must be a man of experience, integrity and ability, and a thorough accountant. To such a man an interest in the business might eventually be given. Address with reference, Box No. 3,861. Communications strictly confidential.

WANTED—A GOOD WATCHMAKER FOR THE country. A single man preferred. Must be well recommended. Apply to READ, TAYLOR & CO., No. 9 Maiden-lane.

A LADY WANTED AS ASSISTANT TO A DENTIST.—Her duties would be to attend to females exclusively, and prepare casts for artificial teeth. Good wages, and no trouble in learning. Give name and address, R. R. R., Times office.

COOK WANTED.—A SMART, TIDY, SOBER and civil-tongued Protestant woman is wanted, as *cook and laundress. Apply Saturday morning before* 10 o'clock, at No. 61 London Terrace, 23d-st., between 9th and 10th avs.

STRAW HAT TRIMMERS WANTED.—Those accustomed to trimming men's straw hats can find steady employment and good wages at Newark, New-Jersey, with good board. Apply to A. LELAND & CO., No. 180 Broadway, New-York.

TEACHERS.

A LADY, WHO HAS HAD SOME YEARS' experience in teaching in England, who is well acquainted with French and German, (the former having been acquired by twelve years' residence with a native,) wishes to obtain a daily engagement in New-York. City references. Address J. A., Box No. 3,730 New-York.

BOARDING.

A FURNISHED ROOM ON THE SECOND floor, with croton water and pantries, for a gentleman and wife, or single gentleman. Apply No. 93 2d-av., below 5th-st. Terms reasonable.

A FEW SINGLE GENTLEMEN CAN HAVE rooms, with breakfast and tea, by applying at No. 113 Forsyth-st. References required.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

SWISS MEETING.—THE SWISS RESIDENTS of New-York and vicinity are particularly requested to attend a meeting on SATURDAY EVENING next, 17th inst., at 7 o'clock, at Delmonico's, corner of Broadway and Chambers st., for the purpose of considering the present position of the country. By order of the Previsory Committee.

KEROSENE OILS.
KEROSENE LUBRICATING OIL.
KEROSENE ILLUMINATING OIL.
KEROSENE BINNACLE OIL.
PARAFINE RAILWAY GREASE.
ELECTRIC LAMPS.
AUSTENS, AGENTS, No. 50 Beaver-st.

MOUNT VERNON TAXES.—THE COLLECTOR of East Chester will be at Keen's XIVth Ward hotel, corner Grand and Elizabeth sts., on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 19th and 20th of January, from 9 A. M. till 5 P. M., to receive the taxes of Mount Vernon, West, East and Central Mount Vernon, Westlandville, Fleetwood and Wakefield. The collector of Mount Vernon School District will also be present to receive taxes.

H. SEIDE, Collector of East Chester.

THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS PAINE, Author of Rights of Man, will be celebrated at the Hall of Assembly Rooms, No. 106 Bowery, on THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 29, 1857. Tickets can be had of C. Blanchard, No. 62 Bowery-st., and of the Committee, J. Thompson, 65 White, and W. E. Rose, No. 73 White-st.

FARMS FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—VALUABLE COUNTRY SEAT OR EXCHANGE FOR CITY PROPERTY.—A valuable country seat, on the east side of the Hudson River, within a quarter of a mile of the railroad depot and about an hour's time of this City. It comprises 32 acres of the best description of farming land in Westchester County, with extensive orchards of choice fruit of all kinds, grapes, &c. On the premises is a free-stone two-story and attic house, filled in with brick, brick basement, and stone foundation, 40 feet square, with piazza on every side; newly painted and contains all the modern improvements of a first-class City house. The view from the house and premises is unsurpassed by any on the river. Apply to E. G. HALLIDAY,
No. 4 Wall-st.

FOR SALE.—THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS Brookside, or Mansion and Garden sts., in the City of Poughkeepsie, the residence of Charles H. Ruggles, containing 10 acres of land in high cultivation. The house is large, built in the best manner, with green-house attached, heated by a furnace and lighted with gas. Out houses and stables are conveniently arranged and in good order. The grounds contain a choice collection of fruit, shrubbery and ornamental trees in vigorous growth, and a large and productive garden. The place combines the quiet and retirement of a country residence, with the advantage of contiguity to the City. For particulars apply to CHARLES H. RUGGLES.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov. 25, 1856.

FINE FARM—NEAR NEW-BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Is offered subject to sale all kinds of grain, &c.; 18 acres wood, Locust av. through the centre of 1,000 trees, well fruited, &c.; comfortable farm house with good outbuildings; fine shade trees about the house; land equal to any in that vicinity. If not sold by 1st March will be offered at auction. A. J. BLEECKER & CO., No. 7 Broad-st.

FOR SALE—VALUABLE PROPERTY ON 12TH-st., next to corner of Avenue C, 100 feet front, 103 feet deep. Brick buildings thereon, formerly occupied as bolt factory, and suitable for any manufacturing business. There is an engine with boilers, and set in the building, also for sale. Apply to H. OOTHOUT, No. 6 Cliff-st.

$5,000 OR $10,000 OF CASH AND A fine farm of 100 acres in Westchester County, will be given for two or three good houses in town. On the farm are several dwelling houses, one of which is a large stone mansion. Also, a good water power; distance, one hour by railroad. Would be sold in two parcels.

A. J. BLEECKER & CO.

FOR SALE—THE HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 48 Grove-st., 18½ feet by 100, house 26½ by 50, three-story, basement and counter cellar, with all the modern improvements, built by present owner, expressly for his own residence. *Terms easy.* Inquire on the premises.

FOR SALE—THE BROWN-STONE HOUSE and lot No. 109 Madison-av., near 30th-st.; possession on May 1. Inquire of JAMES DE GRAY & Co., No. 18 Wall-st.

IOWA LAND.—A FINE TRACT, EMBRACING several acres of woodland, in Southern Iowa, for sale or to exchange. Apply to R. SHACKELTON, Broker, No. 7 Beekman-st., under Nassau Bank.

HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT IN STAMFORD, Conn., 40 rods from the Railroad Depôt, and 1½ hours' ride from New-York; price $6,500.

House and lot on Golden Hill-st., in Bridgeport, Conn.; price, $4,500.

A plot of ground on Hillhouse-av., New-Haven, 220 feet front, embracing the only vacant lots on this avenue. Apply to ALBERT SEELY, Stamford; E. A. PARROTT, Bridgeport; JONATHAN MILLER, New-Haven, or CHAUNCEY BAINARD, No. 86 Broadway.

FOR SALE.—ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACtive residences in Newark, N. J. It commands a view of the City of New-York, and at the same time is central to Newark, and convenient to the new Post-Office, two parks and two railroad depôts. It has ample grounds, with trees, fruit and flowers in abundance. Terms favorable. Apply corner Market and Mulberry sts., Newark, to DUNN & THOMPSON.

FOR SALE—ON CHATHAM-SQUARE, THE two lots, viz., No. 167 Chatham-st., and No. 2 James-st., with or without the old buildings thereon, together with the right of alley-way between and privilege to build over and under said alley. Apply to H. A. SPAFORD, No. 11 Wall-st., or CHARLES CARTER, No. 5 William-st.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE IN BROOKLYN.—The three-story brick house, stone basement, No. 150 Joralemon-st., near the City Hall, and a few minutes' walk from the Wall-st. Ferry; if desired, the furniture will be sold with it. *Possession 1st of May.* No incumbrance on the property. Apply to O. N. BOSTWICK, No. 54 Murray-st., New-York.

STATEN ISLAND.—AN ELEGANT ENGLISH gothic cottage and about one acre, within five minutes' walk of Clifton Landing. Grounds tastefully laid out and inclosed. Fruit and fine shade trees. Will exchange for good New-York property. Price $5,000. Lithographic view at our office.

A. J. BLEECKER & CO., No. 7 Broad-st.

$2,800—$3,000, $3,200, $3,500, $4,000 $2,800 COTTAGES.—Also houses, $4,000, $4,500, $5,000, $7,000, $8,000, $9,500, $10,000 to $20,000, for sale or exchange. Also lots, farms and western lands cheap, suitable for all. Terms easy. Old Land Office, No. 375 9th-av. J. E. HATCH.

FOR SALE CHEAP—THE WELL BUILT, first-class, brown stone house, No. 104 Lexington-av., near 28th-st. Inquire on the premises or of JOHN VANDERBILT, No. 191 Water-st.

FOR SALE.—TWO FIRST-CLASS HOUSES, ON 24th-st. One handsome house on 26th-st. A number of houses for sale, at all prices. J. F. WILLIAMS,
No. 442 6th-av., and No. 12 Wall-st.

WANTED—ELIGIBLE BUILDING LOTS IN Brooklyn in exchange for good improved property; two good brick stores in Fulton-av., and a new brick dwelling-house in a good neighborhood, all occupied. Address Post-Office, Box No. 86, Brooklyn, or inquire at the corner of Nevins and Degraw sts., Brooklyn.

HOUSES TO LET.

TO LET—THE HOTEL OR BOARDING HOUSE at the corner of Broome and Elm sts., near Broadway, the whole house having been put in good order and repair, and will accommodate about 100 persons. Rent *moderate. Also to let, half of the 3-story brick house, No.* 195 Hammond-st. Apply to L. SUYDAM, NO. 158 Waverley-place.

TO LET—THE GENTEEL DWELLING-HOUSE now finishing in 18th-st., third house east of 9th-av. *This house is 20 by 40 feet, three-story and attic, high stoop* and high basement, and contains all the modern improvements; will be ready for occupancy on the 1st of April. Apply to B. C. WANDELL, No. 116 9th-av., or No. 16 State-st.

TO LET—STORE AND DWELLING, NO. 116 9TH-av., between 18th and 19th sts. This store is well located for a large retail business. The dwelling is large and contains most of the modern improvements. Apply to B. C. WANDELL, on the premises, or No. 16 State-st.

TO LET.—A LARGE FRONT ROOM, NO. 441 BROADWAY.—Second floor to let for three months; rent low. Possession given immediately. Inquire on the premises, of T. S. BERRY.

TO LET—THE BACK ROOM AND BEDROOM on second floor, one bedroom in the attic with other privileges of the house No. 50 Vandam-st. Rent $9 per *month. Inquire at No. 128 Canal-st., old number.*

TO LET—STORE NO. 59 MAIDEN-LANE, 125 feet deep, with an L of 45 feet in rear. *Apply to* BACKUS, NICHOLS & CO., No. 51 Maiden-lane.

TO LEASE FROM 1st MAY NEXT—THE 4-story store and dwelling No. 549 6th-av., southwest corner 32d-st., now occupied as a grocery. For particulars, apply at No. 55 West 28th-st., or to WM. H. RAYNOR, corner of 35th-st. and Broadway.

HOUSE AGENCY.—THE UNDERSIGNED, having had several years' experience in this City as house agent, wishes to increase his business. To parties having property (tenement or otherwise) for which they want a careful and reliable agent, will be given satisfaction. Property of all kinds let, and rents collected; prompt returns; satisfactory references. GEORGE S. HICKOK, House Agent, Office No. 192¾ Allen-st.; 7 to 9 A. M., and 5 to 7 P. M.

HOUSES AND ROOMS WANTED

WANTED TO PURCHASE—A SMALL house with modern conveniences, located between 23d and 42d sts., and 4th and 7th avs. Address No. 1,360 Post-Office.

WANTED—FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS, A furnished house in the country, in a pleasant and healthy location, and within one hour of the City. Apply to WM. OOTHOUT, Cliff, corner John-st.

STEAM POWER.

STEAM POWER TO LET—AT THE EMPIRE Works, foot of 24th and 25th sts., East River. These Works erected expressly for mechanical purposes, are peculiarly adapted for either heavy or light machinery; the engines are of 1,000 horse power, and the whole establishment is fitted up in a manner unsurpassed in this country. For terms, &c., apply at the Office on the premises.

STEADY POWER—IN THE DEPOT BUILDing, corner of Elm and Franklin sts., one square from Broadway; Croton water, gas, water closets, and every convenience. Inquire of T. BENNETT, on the premises. Heated by steam pipes.

TO MANUFACTURERS.—A HANDSOME room, 50 by 100 feet, with power, in a new brick factory, near this City, will be let low to a good tenant. Apply at No. 39 Maiden-lane, up stairs.

FLOORS TO LET WITH STEAM POWER. Apply at E. HIDDEN'S Foundry, corner avenue C and 12th-st.

BOUNTY LANDS.

LAND WARRANTS.
Land Warrants wanted by
KIRTLAND & CO., No. 43 Wall-st.

U. S. PASSPORTS, ISSUED THROUGH J. R. JONES, Notary Public, U. S. Commissioner and Commissioner of all the States

New-York Daily Times, Saturday, Jan. 17, 1857.

FINANCIAL.

[illegible] BANK OF LONDON, NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND AND THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.
NATIONAL BANKING COMPANY, Ireland.
In sums from £1 upwards, in [illegible]
Address
TAYLOR BROTHERS, Bankers,
No. 59 Wall-st., New-York.

DOLLAR SAVINGS, IN GALVESTON, TEXAS.—[illegible] DRAFTS payable at his above city, [illegible] for a commission of one-quarter of one per cent. [illegible] Prompt and careful attention given to the collection of [illegible]
GEORGE W. TAYLOR, Bankers, No. 59 Wall-st.
[illegible] Chemical, National Bank, Leather Manufacturers' Bank and Phenix and Leather Bank.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAILS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, No. 11 Broadway, [illegible]
New-York, Jan. 15, 1857.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE Company is published in conformity with the requirements of section 12 of the Charter of the Company:

Outstanding Premiums, Jan. 1, 1856	$[illegible]
Premiums received from Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1856	[illegible]
Total amount of Marine Premiums	$[illegible] 75

This Company has issued no Policies, except on cargo and freight for the voyage. No risks have been taken upon time or upon half or vessels.

Premiums marked off as earned during the period as above	$[illegible] 26
Less Return premiums	72,125 16—$[illegible] 00
Total amount of earned Premiums as above	$[illegible] 26
Less amount earned of as earned, and not called to Dividend	[illegible] 00
Net amount of earned Premiums collected	[illegible]
Paid for losses including an estimate of claims ascertained, but not yet due, less savings, &c.	$[illegible] 12
Re-Insurance	[illegible]
Expenses and Commissions	[illegible]
Bonus of 5 per cent. on subscription notes	18,[illegible] 62—$[illegible]
	$[illegible]
Add profits undivided Dec. 31, 1855	[illegible]
Net profits	$[illegible]

The assets of the Company on the 31st Dec. 1856, were as follows, viz:

Cash in Bank	$ 72,[illegible] 26
Special deposit of cash drawing interest	[illegible]
Premium notes and bills receivable	[illegible]
Subscription notes in advance of Premiums	[illegible] 47
Re-Insurance and sundry claims due the Company	[illegible]
Total assets	$[illegible] 48

In view of the above results, the Board of Trustees have this day resolved to pay a dividend of interest of 6 per cent. in cash, on the outstanding certificates of profits, to the holders thereof or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 3d day of February next.

Also, *Resolved*, that a dividend of 20 per cent. be declared on the net amount of earned premiums for the year ending Dec. 31, 1856, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the 3d day of February next.

By order of the Board,
BENJAMIN A. ONDERDONK, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

A. C. Richards,	W. M. Biles,	Alfred Edwards,
Sheppard Gandy,	A. S. Barnes,	Fred. B. Betts,
C. E. Minot,	J. E. Hanford,	Richard Patrick,
Edwin Thorne,	D. W. Meyer,	Arthur Leary,
Martin Bates, Jr.,	John B. Arthur,	William Leconey,
W. H. Mellen,	A. Wesson,	John J. Haines,
T. B. Merrick,	J. K. Styles,	Thomas Eakin,
G. D. H. Gillespie,	W. H. Richards,	Byron Sherman,
William Kent,	U. A. Murdock,	Moses A. Hopcock,
C. Hadden,	Edw. Lambert,	Sanford Cobb, Jr.,
L. P. Morton,	Robert Sliamon.	

ALFRED EDWARDS, President,
WILLIAM LECONEY, Vice-President.
BENJAMIN A. ONDERDONK, Secretary.

UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.—No. 49 Wall-st.
CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
THIS COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY OF MONEY PAID INTO COURT, and is authorized to act as guardian or receiver of estates.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS,
BY ORDER OF ANY COURT IN THIS STATE, (including Surrogate's,) 5 per cent.
From individuals or corporations, for a period of six months, or to be paid on thirty days' notice, 4 per cent.
For a less period, or on shorter notice, 4 per cent.
TRUSTEES:

Joseph Lawrence,	George G. Bronson,	Watts Sherman,
Edwin D. Morgan,	Daniel S. Miller,	R. F. Wheelwright,
Erastus Corning,	Caleb O. Halsted,	Edmund Cotting,
James Boorman,	Thos. W. Pearsall,	Thomas Slocum,
Rembrant Peale,	Peter Cooper,	Clinton Gilbert,
William Tucker,	Thomas Thetson,	Cornelius Smith,
Royal Phelps,	John J. Phelps,	J. J. Astor, Jr.,
John J. Cisco,	Wilson G. Hunt,	E. H. Walworth,
Jacob Harper,	D. B. Arnold,	Daniel D. Lord,
James E. Seymour,	Charles F. Ellis,	

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, President.
JOHN A. STEWART, Secretary.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY ASSESSED FOR CENTRAL PARK.—The owners of property assessed for Central Park are hereby notified that said assessments can be paid at this office until February 28, 1857, inclusive with 7 per cent. interest from 5th of February, 1856, the date of the confirmation of the assessment by the Supreme Court. After that date the assessment list will be returned to the Bureau of Arrears, when interest will be charged at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from the date of confirmation, Feb. 5, 1856. The property assessed is embraced in the following boundaries: on the East one half way between 3d and 4th-aves.; on the West, one half way between 10th and 11th-aves.; on the North, one half way between 116th and 117th-sts.; also, from eastern side of 8th-av. to western side of 8th-av., inclusive, to one half way between 110th and 120th-sts.; on the South one half way between 51st and 53d-sts. Also, on the east side of 8th-av. to western side of 8th-av., inclusive, to half way between 53d and 54th-sts.
JOSEPH F. TAYLOR,
Collector of Assessments, No. 2 basement of City Hall, Office of Collector of Assessments.
JANUARY 16, 1857.

MINERAL POINT RAILROAD SECURITIES.—The interest coupons on these securities, viz.: First and Second Mortgage Bonds of the M. P. R. R. Co.; Bonds of the county of Iowa, Wisconsin; Bonds of the town of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, issued to, and endorsed by, the M. P. R. R. Co., due to-day, will be paid on presentation at the office of
H. R. BENNETT, Banker, No. 32 William-st.
New-York, Jan. 1, 1857.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—OFFICE OF THE GALENA AND CHICAGO U. R. R. Co., Chicago, Jan. 6, 1857.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, that the Transfer Books at this office will be closed on the 20th day of January instant, preparatory to the payment of the February dividend, and reopened on the 2d day of February next.
W. M. DARRAGH, Sec'y.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS.—The undersigned offer for sale the 7 per cent. Coupon Bonds of this Company, (late issue,) having twenty years to run; interest payable semi-annually, on the first days of February and August, at the Company's Agency in this City.
DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, JAN. 15, 1857.—The annual election for 7 Directors of this Company will be held at the office No. 462 Broadway, corner Howard-st., on Tuesday, 20th inst. The poll will be opened at 1, and close at 3 o'clock P. M.
JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD.—The Second Mortgage Sinking Fund Bonds of this Company due in 1875, interest at 7 per cent., payable half-yearly in New-York, are for sale by
STRACHAN & SCOTT, No. 51 William-st.

BUSINESS PAPER NEGOTIATED.—ADVANCES made on approved Business Paper, and upon Bank, Railway, Fire and Life Insurance Stocks.
JOHN B. MURRAY, No. 44 Wall-st.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-st., issue credits for Commercial and Traveling purposes, available in any part of the world.

CORNING & CO., NO. 63 WALL-STREET.—Bank-bills on London for sale in sums to suit.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE.—SPLENDID CAMPHENE AND lamp store and sales room, West Broadway. Superior horse and wagon in splendid condition, clearing $2,500 yearly; sold together for $1,200, or $500 each. Also, splendid large boarding house, Sands-st., Brooklyn; lease and furniture $1,200, full permanent boarders; good chance. Also, book-keeper's or salesman's situation in bank or jobbing house wanted. *Apply No. 119 Chambers-st., room No. 4.*

PARTNER WANTED WITH A CASH CAPITAL OF $75,000.—To a person with the above amount this is an opportunity which seldom offers. The business (wholesale by the package only) has been long established and for the last four years has been about $500,000 per year and can be increased to any desired amount. Address O., this office, with real name.

TO LET—THE FOUNDRY IN THE VILLAGE of Peekskill, Westchester County, known as the Peekskill Foundry. Inquire of the subscriber, on the premises, or at No. 210 Water-st., New-York.
F. B. FLAGLER.

TO SOAP AND CANDLE MANUFACTURERS.—For sale, 50-candle moulds, 6s and 8s, 15 and 16 oz., all in first-rate order. Will be sold cheap. Inquire of JOHN T. TILLINGHAST, No. 101 and 103 Duane-st.

A TEN YEARS' ESTABLISHED HARDWARE and Housefurnishing store for sale. Inquire in the store No. 386 Bowery, of J. S. JAMES.

OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, Jan. 15, 1857.
TO BANKERS, MERCHANTS, HOUSEHOLDERS, HOTEL KEEPERS, AND ALL WHO TAKE CROTON WATER.
The waste of water is becoming more enormous than at any former period. Every individual is, in duty to the community, bound to prevent every description of waste in his own premises, because the Police cannot, from motives of delicacy, indiscriminately enter, or stop, or office, to discover infringements of the laws. It is a common practice to suffer the water to run days and nights to prevent it freezing in the pipes and faucets. This most enormous abuse must be entirely abandoned. In every case reported to the office, the penalty will be inflicted, and if it become necessary, the water will be shut off without notice, and not restored during the freezing weather. The Police of the City are instructed to report all delinquents. To prevent freezing in the pipes and faucets draw sufficient for the day, then shut it off, and so every day draw as much as you want, and immediately shut it off, particularly at night.
MYNDERT VAN SCHAICK, President.

BANKING.

Corporate Franchises Company,
No. 5 Tarrytown-st., corner of College-place.
New-York, Jan. 7, 1857.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Corporate Franchises Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of [illegible] per cent., payable on and after the 15th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
JOHN G. BERGH, Secretary.

The Columbia Fire Insurance Company continues to insure against loss or damage by Fire, Merchandise, Stored, Dwellings, &c., on liberal terms. Applications received at the Branch Office, No. 11 Merchants' Exchange, Wall-st.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—OFFICE OF THE GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD COMPANY, Chicago, Jan. 5, 1857.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company that a semi-annual cash dividend of five per cent. upon the capital stock of said Company was declared on the 7th inst., payable on the 15th day of February next, at the office of the Company in Exchange on New-York, at par, in lieu of all outstanding scrip, at the option of holders on the list of January instant.
A stock dividend was also declared, from the surplus earnings of the Company, of one per cent., payable at the same time and place, in convertible certificates, to be issued by the Company. The certificates so issued will be convertible into the capital stock of the Company at the pleasure of the holder, when presented at the office in sums of one hundred dollars, and will be entitled to all dividends declared after such conversion.
Holders who desire their dividends remitted will please so direct.
W. H. LARRABEE, Sec'y.

BOWERY SAVINGS BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1857.
DIVIDEND.—THE DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY notified that a semi-annual dividend, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on all sums of five dollars and upwards and less than five hundred dollars, and four per cent. per annum on all sums of five hundred dollars and upwards, which have been on deposit at least three months, will be payable on and after the 12

[illegible] UNION CLUB.

[illegible] Democratic Union Club, which was [illegible] by strongly-worded paragraphs in the *Daily Times* and *Day Book* of yesterday [illegible] last night, in their rooms in the [illegible] corner of Mercer and Broome streets, [illegible] M. Ocora, the President, occupied the [illegible] the transaction of the customary routine [illegible] Mr. W. J. Rorx got up and submitted a [illegible] resolution relative to the defeat of Col. [illegible] as a candidate for the Senatorship of Pennsylvania, which were received with applause. He [illegible] them with a brief speech, which was warmly [illegible]. The purport alike of the speech and resolution was regret at the defeat of Forney, and sympathetic confidence with him on his lack of success. Mr. Gaspner H. Dilliaxe seconded the motion for the adoption of Mr. Rorx's resolutions, and addressed the Club in terms highly eulogistic of Mr. Forney, and equally denunciatory both of the "Democratic [illegible] who had caused his defeat, and of the candidate whose success was secured by that defection, which, he said, was the result of unmitigated corruption and fraud—such corruption and fraud as was illustrated in the success of Mr. Matteson of Indiana, another politician of the same stamp, who, with his abolition pamphlets in one hand and money in the other, had boasted during the campaign that he made as much money during the session of Congress as enabled him to carry on a wholesale system of corruption in the interval.

Mr. Chas. E. Dunscomb in a short speech supported the resolutions.

Mr. Brandreth questioned the propriety of adopting them at the present time, though he acknowledged the fact that they coincided with his personal preferences. At all events, he hoped that definite action on them would be postponed until the next meeting of the Club, and made an amendment to that effect.

[illegible] opposed the amendment and urged the necessity for immediate action.

Mr. Chapin hoped that when the question on the resolutions came up, it would be taken by yeas and nays.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the propriety of adopting the resolutions just proposed. The differences seemed to hinge on the question as to whether the expression of opinion on the part of the club should be one merely of personal sympathy with Mr. Forney, (which seemed to be the gist of the resolutions) or an expression of the indignant disgust of the Club, as an integral portion of the Democratic Party, at the traitorous defection of the Democratic members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, who had caused by their party in caucus in favor of Mr. Forney.

Mr. Hammond, the Treasurer, expressed his disapprobation of the conduct of some officious gentleman who had gone to the offices of the *Daily News* and *Day Book*, and procured the insertion in those papers of notices announcing (in one of them, at least) that Ex-Gov. Seymour, Hon. John Cochrane, Hon. Geo. Taylor, &c., would be present at the meeting of last Monday, when, in point of fact, Gov. Seymour lived at Albany, Mr. Cochrane was not to be here at all, and no public meeting of the Committee had been advertised.

Mr. Brackett immediately took the hint to himself, and said he had obtained notices of the meeting from the newspapers in question, that he had seen Gov. Seymour, and he had promised he would be here, that he had seen Hon. Geo. Taylor, of Brooklyn, and he had no doubt he would be present in a few minutes, and that if there was an "officious gentleman" present it was the gentleman in the corner (pointing to Mr. Hammond.)

Mr. Hammond rose to say something in explanation, but was interrupted by

Mr. Brackett, who informed the gentleman that he was willing to adjourn the discussion from here to another place, and that when he came here next time to call him (Mr. Hammond) to account for his financial management perhaps things would assume a different aspect.

Mr. Hammond asked if any gentleman had a copy of the *Day Book* with him, whereupon

Mr. Brackett said he had, and produced it.

Mr. Hammond then read the paragraph in question, which was pronounced on to be slanderous and unwarrantable.

Mr. Brackett got on his feet, several other gentlemen did the same thing, and each of them, simultaneously with the rest, addressed the Chair.

Mr. Brackett eventually succeeded in gaining a hearing, and resumed his remarks in disapproval of the action of any member of the Club going to newspaper offices and obtaining insertion for such paragraphs under such circumstances. This meeting, he said, was not designed to be a public one at all.

Mr. Brackett, in reply, observed that were it not for his notice so lauded in the newspapers, there would not have been so many members present beside Gov. Seymour himself and his shivering Secretary. He cared no fear from this Club—[laughter]—and he asked no favor; but he would say, that while he regretted the remarks of the gentleman in the corner, he would say to him (Mr. Hammond) that he (Mr. H.) was not free him anywhere upon this question. If he (Mr. Brackett) found exclusiveness and a close corporation system prevail in an organization of this sort, could he be blamed for endeavoring to act accordingly?

Mr. Hammond declared he could no longer sit still to be abused.

The President called the gentleman (Mr. Brackett) to order, and said the disputants had neither addressed him nor themselves, thus far.

Mr. Hammond spoke against the resolutions, as being based on grounds personal to Mr. Forney, whose friend the gentleman (Mr. Brackett) assumed to have the entire management of in this City, though he (Mr. Hammond) felt warranted in saying there was not a man in the Club who would not indorse every word in those resolutions.

Mr. Bastmann spoke to his amendment providing for a postponement of action on the matter till Monday.

Mr. Glover moved the previous question, but the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Chase moved the reference of the resolutions to a committee, to report at once.

The motion was seconded, and on being put to the meeting was lost.

The previous question was again called for.

Mr. Rorx got permission to explain. He disclaimed any intention of producing any discussion in the Club by the introduction of his resolutions, declared they were offered *bona fide*, and denied having any knowledge beforehand of the newspaper paragraphs referred to.

Mr. Hammond hoped the Club would unanimously vote down the motion to postpone.

Mr. Jesse A. Weaver, the Secretary, proposed an additional resolution, complimentary of the act of the gentleman "on party grounds."

Mr. Rorx accepted it.

Mr. Chase was still of impression that the wiser plan was to refer the matter to a Committee.

His amendment was ultimately adopted.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the Committee be chosen by nomination.

Messrs. Rorx, Owens, Churchill, Glover and Harrison were nominated pursuant to the last motion.

They retired to prepare their report, and were absent for about half an hour. On their return,

Mr. Bastmann submitted the majority report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

ON THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

Whereas, We have heard with the profoundest chagrin and humiliation of late of the defeat of JOHN W. FORNEY, that able, eloquent and [illegible] champion of Democracy, whose brilliant qualifications in no wise at our national domain, has been [illegible] in his candidature for a seat in the Senate of the United States by which all honest men must deem a base and [illegible] defeat; and

Resolved, That this Club recognize as a vital principle of Democracy, an trustworthy fidelity on the part of all the members of the Democratic party to the nominations should be adhered to in good faith; and, as an integral part of the great Democratic Union Club of New-York, most heartily condemn the acts of MESSRS. LAPO and WAGENSELLER, in that they were elected by Democratic constituencies, and yet, in defiance of the decisions of the caucus of the Democracy of Pennsylvania Legislature, convened to nominate a Democrat for United States Senator, basely betrayed their Democratic Party and its principles, and misrepresented its constituents by giving their votes for Simon Cameron, thus exhibiting an unjustifiable violation of faith, which only merits the execration of every honest and patriotic man in the nation.

Resolved, That in the defeat of JOHN W. FORNEY for United States Senator for the State of Pennsylvania we lose a powerful champion of Democratic principles, and in the future, when the arduous labors he has performed, the untiring efforts he put forth to unite the elements of the principles of the Democratic Party in the late campaign, we feel that the nation loses the services of a long-tried, faithful and public servant, a statesman of acknowledged worth, and a true friend of the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Rorx submitted a minority report of resolutions, the preamble to which was the same as that of the majority report, and the general tenor of which was in unison with that of those originally submitted by him.

After some friendly discussion, the resolutions reported by the majority, as above, were adopted, and unanimously the adoption was made unanimous.

The Club then adjourned—it being nigh 11 o'clock.

☞ Rev. Mr. Buscherell, of the Gaboon mission is now in this City. He is on a temporary visit to the country for the purpose of recruiting the health of himself and wife, and also with the hope of receiving pecuniary aid for his mission. He will speak on Sunday evening at the Church in Second-street. He is one of the oldest of the missionaries in the employ of the [illegible]

☞ The Sabbath School Teacher's State Convention is to be held at Albany on the 20th and 21st instant, in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hud-

[illegible] at the church on Tuesday, [illegible] o'clock A. M., for the reception of delegates and assigning them places of entertainment.

UNIFORM TIME.

Yesterday afternoon the Committee on Arts and Sciences, of the Board of Councilmen, proceeded to Centre-street to examine the new telegraph designed to communicate uniform time to the clocks at the police stations and other places in this City.

Coroners' Inquests.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON BOARD A STEAM-TUG.

Morris Whitford, a fireman employed on the steam-tug *Satellite*, was instantly and accidentally killed, about 6½ o'clock yesterday morning, on board that vessel, which was at the time lying in the stream, near the Battery. The deceased was putting up the air-pump bucket, when a large cake of ice struck the paddle-wheel, and started the machinery, when the reservoir struck and killed him instantly. Verdict accordingly.

Coroner Gamble held an inquest upon the body, when the above facts appeared. Deceased was a native of the United States, and 27 years of age.

FATAL RESULT.

Joseph Cowley, the fireman who was so badly injured on Saturday last, by getting entangled and crushed by the machinery of a locomotive on the Harlem Railroad, died yesterday, at the New-York Hospital. Coroner Gamble viewed the body. Verdict: "Death by fracture of the leg, and other injuries, accidentally received while engaged in oiling the machinery of a locomotive on the Harlem Railroad, Jan. 9."

Police Commissioners.

The Police Commissioners held their regular semi-weekly meeting yesterday, at the Mayor's Office. As is usual of late, there was a very large attendance.

The examination of the charges preferred against Capt. Russell, of the Seventeenth Ward, was resumed, and again adjourned to Tuesday next.

The other cases were unimportant.

After a few of the recent Police appointees were sworn in, the Board adjourned.

Fatal Accident on Board Steamtug Satellite.

Yesterday morning, while the steamtug *Satellite* was fastened in the ice in the North River, the *engine became heated*, and one of the firemen named Hans Whitford, attempted to raise up the floating valve of the air pump, in order to cool it; while in that position, the engine suddenly passed the centre, the cross head coming down with crushing weight upon the unfortunate man, killing him instantly.

Fires.

IN RIVINGTON-STREET.

About 8 Thursday evening a fire broke in the pork-packing establishment of Kellog, Lemon & Co., No. 183 Rivington-street. It originated in one of the furnaces used for trying out fat. The building, which is owned by Luke Baker, was damaged to the extent of $200. About $150 worth of stock was destroyed.

☞ The annual parade of the New-York Martial Corps, under the command of Capt. G. B. Bruce, took place yesterday. In the evening they had a grand ball at the Union Assembly Rooms, in Grand-street.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Friday.

Before the City Judge.

A youth, about 18 years of age, named Theodore Lewis, *alias* Clark, was placed at the bar, charged with *grand larceny*. *On Sept. 26, 1856*, he stole from the premises No. 781 Broadway, some dresses, valued at $150, belonging to Mr. Dieden. A lady named Wood, residing at No. 2 Twenty-ninth-street, ordered the dresses to be sent to her. The errand boy of Mr. Dieden's establishment accordingly took them, and was met by the prisoner, who said he was to receive the dresses, and that it was all right. The boy believed him, and gave him the parcel. He was subsequently arrested on the charge,—the boy casually meeting him in the street and recognizing him. The evidence against him, yesterday, was very plain. He was speedily convicted, and sentenced to four years and nine months in the State Prison.

The next case, terminating in the just acquittal of the defendant, occupied the Court a long time. An old man named McCormack was charged with purchasing stolen cloth from a thief named Wray, who was the chief witness against him. His own daughter and his son's wife were also witnesses, but their animosity to the old man was clearly shown. Their testimony likewise was so contradictory and improbable that the Judge charged the Jury that it could not be relied upon. The Jury immediately returned a verdict of "not guilty."

The Court will sit to day for Jury trials—a very rare circumstance, but the crowded state of the Calendar requires that no time should be lost.

[Advertisement.]

WINTER REDUCTION.

In conformity with the plan we have formed, we now proceed to sell our large stock of stylish

WINTER CLOTHING,

At closing-out prices.

Our stock is still large and complete in most of the desirable styles of Winter wear, including all of our popular kinds of Beaver, Cloth and Esquimaux Raglans, black and colored Dress and Frock Coats, heavy and superior business Coats, all descriptions of heavy French, English and American Cassimere Pants, Velvet, Plush, Cassimere and Cashmere Vests, all kinds of Boys' Clothing, and a complete assortment of Furnishing Goods, Under-Wear, Robes de Chambre, Shirts, Lap Robes, &c., &c.

This will afford an opportunity for all who are desirous of providing a supply of Clothing, either for this or the next Winter, to do so, at 20 per cent. less than the current prices. D. DEVLIN & CO.,

Nos. 258, 259 and 260 Broadway, cor. of Warren-st.

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It is not a Dye.—We subjoin a few names of those who recommend "Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer:" President J. H. Eaton, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Rev. Wm. Cutter, New-York; Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord; Rev. J. P. Tustin, Charleston, S. C.; Rev. D. T. Wood, Middletown, N. Y.; Rev. J. McKee, New-York; Rev. A. Frink, Silver Creek, N. Y.; Rev. A. Blanchard, Meriden, N. H.; Rev. B. C. Smith, Prattsburg, N. Y.; *Christian Watchman and Reflector*, Boston; *Presbyterian Witness*, Knoxville, Tenn.; Detroit *Christian Herald*, New-York *Independent*, St. Louis *Presbyterian*, New-York *Evangelist*, New-Orleans *Christian Advocate*; *Christian Chronicle*, Philadelphia, &c. Depôt No. 355 Broome-street, New-York; Retailed by Hegeman, Clark & Co.; Rushton, Delluc & Co.; Coddington, Olliffe, and all first-class dealers. Wholesale by all the largest drug houses in New-York and elsewhere.

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☞ Phrenology, theoretically and philosophically considered, but especially its application to home education, domestic government, self-culture, selection of pursuits, choice of apprentices, clerks, partners in business, or companions for life, will, as heretofore, be the leading features of the *American Phrenological Journal* for 1857.

To make men better, we must begin at the basis of their natures; hence, Physiology, or the laws of life and health, will be clearly and vigorously set forth, amply illustrated, and thus made interesting and profitable to all; our motto being "A sound mind in a healthy body." Published at $1 a year, by Fowler and Wells, No. 308 Broadway, New-York.

[Advertisement.]

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Also, boys' overcoats, business coats, fancy cassimere pants, &c. Those in want of Winter Clothing will do well to give us a call, as the prices of the above are reduced from 10 to 25 per cent.

☞ No deviation from marked prices.

Alfred Munson & Co.,

No. 441 Broadway.

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S. Coates & Co., Portable Gas Works.—We desire to call public attention to our newly-invented Gas apparatus, designed for country residences, factories, hotels, &c. These works are safe, efficient, and simple in their construction, and warranted to give entire satisfaction. We guarantee purchasers against prosecution by the Maryland Portable Gas Company, or any other parties, for alleged infringement of their patents. Apply to S. Coates & Co., Office No. 376 Broadway, New-York.

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☞ White Teeth, Perfumed Breath and beautiful complexion, can be acquired by using the Balm of a Thousand Flowers. What lady or gentleman would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath, when using the Balm of a Thousand Flowers as a dentrifice would not only render it sweet, but leave the teeth as white as alabaster? Many persons do not know their breath is bad, and the subject is so delicate that their friends will never mention it. Beware of counterfeits. Be sure each bottle is signed Fredrick & Co., New-York. For sale by all Druggists.

[Advertisement.]

Gas, Gas.—Gas Fixtures.—Several new and beautiful patterns just completed. Call at our great manufacturing depôt, No. 376 Broadway.

ARCHER, WARNER & CO.

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Forney's Mazeppa.—This very amusing entertainment is to be given at this popular Theatre to night, commencing with the inimitable burlesque of "Pizarro in the Death of Rolla," to be followed by the gorgeous pantomime of "Pizarro or the Lively Pedler" and concluding with the Drama of the "Orange Girl of Venice."

[Advertisement.]

Still Waters Run Deep.—Both this afternoon and this evening, the sterling English piece called "Still Waters Run Deep," will be repeated at Barnum's Museum. A better, more solid, or more suggestive piece, or one better worth remembering, could not be selected, and it is presented at Barnum's with signal ability.

[Advertisement.]

Teas.—The Canton Tea Company have on hand every variety of Teas for Grocers, Tea Dealers, and private families—Souchong, Oolong and Young Hyson, from 25c. to 40c.; Gunpowder and Imperial from 25c. to 50c.—all other qualities equally low. Also, 8-lb boxes of good Family Tea for $1. Call and examine—No. 125 Chatham-st., between Pearl and Roosevelt sts.

[Advertisement.]

Holloway's Pills.—Their searching and curative properties render them invaluable to those who suffer from liver and stomach complaints. Any case of dyspepsia will readily yield to their wonderful influence. Sold at the manufactory 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and 244 Strand, London; and by all druggists, at 25c., 62½ and $1 per box.

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Herring's Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes.—Nos. 135, 137 and 139 Water-street, and No. 5 Murray-street, New-York.

[Advertisement.]

Dr. Freeman's Family Pills.—These superior Pills have become a standard family medicine without puffing, but from one person telling another of their good qualities, thus making a substantial reputation from their own merits. For sale by Hegeman, Clark & Co., Nos. 165, 273, 511 and 756 Broadway; Barnes & Park, No. 304 Broadway, and A. B. & D. Sands & Co., No. 100 Fulton-street, New-York.

LONG ISLAND.

Long Island Railroad Company.

This Company will apply to the present Legislature for authority to purchase additional lands required to secure the road from snows and to provide for a double track, and for authority to diminish the amount of stock. The snow of Wednesday was much more plenty on the East end than here. It bothered the trains somewhat. The farmers have turned out to dig out the track between Riverhead and Greenport.

Death from Exposure.

Officer Dunn, of the Ninth Ward Police, Brooklyn, *yesterday morning found the body of an Irish woman* on Grand-avenue, near the Long Island Railroad track, where she died from exposure. The name of deceased is not known.

Admissions to the Bar.

The following named gentlemen have recently been *admitted to the Bar in Kings County*: Edward W. Crittenden, Wm. W. Fowler, David B. Booth, Charles A. Kimball, David Brockway, U. Coleman Hunt, Charles J. Hunt, A. Van Linden, Franklin W. Labor, W. J. Sayres, Mark Uhll, Patrick J. Gallagher, James Wheeler.

Brooklyn Dispensary.

During the past month 348 patients were treated at this Institution, viz.: surgical, 91; eye and ear, 39; head and digestive organs, 50; heart and lungs, 64; disease of the skin, 38; 106 were native, and 297 foreign born; 917 prescriptions were gratuitously dispensed.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Courts.

The Hudson County Courts are engaged, yet, upon civil causes. None of the trials, thus far, have been of special public interest. The fact that a large proportion of the police force of Jersey City has been summoned before the Grand Jury, leads to the belief that a strong effort is being made to indict those who are selling liquor without a license.

Odd Fellows' Celebration.

Hudson Lodge, No. 14, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Jersey City, held its fourteenth anniversary at *Park Hall*, last evening, at which an address was delivered by General E. R. V. Wright.

MARRIED.

McCunnie—Thompson.—In this City, on Thursday, Jan. 15, by (Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck, Alonzo McCunnie to Mary, daughter of Charles W. Thompson, both of Troy.

Hagan—Forhan.—In Brooklyn, on *Friday, Jan. 16*, by Rev. J. A. Schneller, Thomas H. Hagan to Catharine Theresa, eldest daughter of Jeremiah Forhan, of this City.

Stoutenburgh—Haight.—At Pleasantville, Westchester Co., N. Y., on fifth day, (Thursday,) Jan. 15, by Hon. Judge Robinson, James V. Stoutenburgh, of the City of New-York, to Sarah Y., daughter of Edmund Haight, of the former place.

DIED.

Arnold.—In this City, on Friday, Jan. 16, Mrs. Mary Arnold, aged 78 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, at the Old Ladies' Home, No. 189 East 20th-st., this (Saturday) morning, 17th inst., at 11 o'clock.

☞ Cleveland papers please copy.

Tenney.—In this City, on Thursday, Jan. 15, of scarlet fever, Henry Barnard, son of Nathaniel M. and Catharine B. Tenney, aged 3 years, 3 months and 21 days.

The funeral will take place at No. 174 Henry-st., this day, (Saturday,) at 12 o'clock M.

Clarke.—In this City, on Friday morning, Jan. 16, Samuel, only child of John and Isabella Clarke, aged 11 years, 1 month and 14 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, from No. 169 West 27th-st., on Monday next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Bailey.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, Emily Reese Bailey, eldest daughter of Mrs. Robert McJimsey.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, on Saturday next, the 17th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 168 West 14th-st., without further invitation.

Tostevin.—In Williamsburg, on Friday, Jan. 16, John Tostevin, late of Salem, Henry Co., Iowa.

The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, on Sunday, 18th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of his son-in-law, Geo. W. Davis, 113 South 3d-st.

Iowa papers please copy.

Holden.—At Bergen, N. J., on Friday morning, Jan. 16, Caleb B., infant son of David L. and Ann Maria Holden.

The funeral will take place this day, (Saturday,) at 11 o'clock A. M. The remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

Livingston.—At Trenton, N. J., on Thursday, Jan. 15, Joseph Blackwell Livingston, aged 21 years, eldest son of Alfred S. Livingston.

Frisbie.—At West Morrisania, on Friday morning, Jan. 17, of croup, Jessie F., only daughter of Dubois B. and Hattie L. Frisbee, aged 5 months and 19 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of Myron H. Finch, Esq., West Morrisania, this day, (Saturday,) at 10 o'clock A. M. Cars to Melrose by Harlem Railroad; train leaves 26th-st. at 9 o'clock.

Fest.—At Patterson, N. Y., on Thursday evening, Jan. 15, Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of Munson S. and the late Alexa K. Fest, of this City.

Davenport.—At St. Paul, Minnesota, on Monday, Dec. 29, Kate Goodsell, aged 5 months and 17 days, infant daughter of James and Eliza Davenport, formerly of this City.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Jan. 16.

$1,000 Kentucky St. 6s	102	350	Erie Railroad		62½
2,000 do	b3 102½	100	do	b7	62½
500 Indiana St. 5%s	84	300	do	b6	62½
4,000 Virginia 6s	b5 90	200	do	b60	62½
2,000 Missouri State 6s	84¾	100	do	s3	62½
5,000 do	s60 84	50	do	b10	62½
2,000 Har. Bdge Bd.	76	7	do	s30	62½
2,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	97	100	Mich. Cen. R.R.	s30	93½
2,000 do	97½	26	do		93½
10,000 do	s30 97¾	100	do		94
5,000 L. S. & 1st M. Bs.	71	100	do	b30	95
15 Bank of America	118	250	M. S. & N. In. R. R.		87¾
100 Bank of Commerce	103¾	100	do	b10	88
25 Bank of Com'ce	103¾	100	do	b30	88½
30 Import'rs & Trad's R.	108	100	do	b30	88½
16 Park Bank	93	100	do		87½
50 National Bk. Scrip	107½	100	do	b3	87½
54 Mechanics Bank	113	150	do		87½
250 Cumb. Coal Co.	15¾	100	Ill. C. R.R.	b5	87½
100 do	s60 15¾	200	do	b10	87½
25 do	17½	25	do	cpg	87½
100 do	b3 18½	50	do	cpg	87½
200 do	b60 18½	100	do	b60	88
50 Canton Company	22½	100	Cleve. & Tol. Rail		70½
65 N. Y. Cen. R. R.	93	10	Milw. & Miss. Rail		73½
100 do	b7 93	5	La Crosse & Milw. R.		73½
100 do	s60 93½	97	do		73
13 do	93½	50	do	b7	73
810 Reading Railroad	51¾	100	do		71½
200 do	s60 51¾	100	do	b60	73½
350 do	s30 51¾	100	Morris & Essex R.		80
100 do	b30 52	50	Ward Coal & Iron Co.		35
100 do	b30 51¾	61	Ohio Life & Trust Co.		93¾
50 Panama Railroad	92				

SECOND BOARD.

$6,000 Virginia 6s	90	50	Hud. Riv. RR.		52½
5,000 Ill. Cen. R. bs	s30 97¾	50	do		52½
5,000 do	b60 98	100	Reading RR.	s60	51½
2,000 Ill. Cent. Bs. w. n.	78½	100	Clev. & Tol. R.		70½
14 Ill. Cent. Stock	102	15	Mil. & N. L. R.	s30	67½
300 Cumb. Coal Co.	15¾	100	do	b30	67½
100 do	15½	5	Gal. & Chi. RR.		121
25 Ohio L. & Trust Co.	93¾	100	do	s5	121
300 Ward Coal & Ir. Co.	35½	50	do	s30	122
100 N. Y. Cent. RR.	b30 93¾	50	do		121½
100 do	s30 93	100	do	b3	121½
100 do	93	100	Chi. & R. I. R. R.		96½
25 do	s3 93	100	do		96½
200 Erie Railroad	b30 62½	100	Ill. Cent. R. R.		97½
100 do	b7 62½	5	La Cr. & Mil. RR.		71½
200 do	b30 62½	25	do	b3	71½
100 do	62½				

Friday, Jan. 16—9 P. M.

There was a strong market for Stocks at the closing session of the Brokers this afternoon, and an advance in prices on account of the prominent Railroads. Galena went to 125, buyer 30 days; Illinois Central Bonds 96, buyer 60—sent 97¼, seller 60 days; New-York Central Sixes 98, and the Seven ⅌ cents, to per; Reading, 51⅝@⅞; New-York and Erie, 62½; and the remainder of the list quite firm, without anything like a rapid speculation on the Street. The Brokers appear to be doing a steadier and more satisfactory business at the Stock Exchange than usual at this season of the year.

There is more decided ease to-day in the supply of Money offering among and to the Brokers than at any time since the New-Year. And although there is a fair activity in Stocks, and a considerable portion of the business on speculation for a rise, thus involving the necessity of carrying the purchases 30@60 days, the Street demand for means has suddenly fallen behind the supply. The effect of this, it is probable, will be felt in a few days with the Discount Brokers, who have not yet been able to place paper at lower rates than at the close of December.

The business doing in Exchange to-day is at rates a fraction lower than for Wednesday's packet. The correspondent of the Rothschilds is drawing at 108¾ on London, and 5 francs 22½ centimes to the dollar on Paris, with a brokerage off for ready money; equivalent to 108⅝ net for Sterling, and 5.23¾ for francs. The operation is probably to cover the drafts of the San Francisco Agency, whence Gold is shipped direct to London. While this is going on, the correspondent here, creating the capital for the purpose by bills at 60 days' sight, is also shipping Gold to the extent of a million of dollars a month, irrespective of the fluctuations in Exchange. *Of course, the fact elicits* frequent comment in banking and mercantile circles, but the established credit of the Rothschilds enables their correspondent to do what would be extremely damaging, if not ruinous, to the standing of any ordinary house. As the country is now abundantly able to spare the Gold, and it cannot go forward even in advance of the current of Exchange without some equivalent, there is no particular complaint made of the operation.

We are requested to state that the Coupons of the New-Haven and New-London Road are being paid at the office of the Company in New-Haven.

The January Coupons on the California *Debt, not yet presented, will be paid, as usual, by* Wells, Fargo & Co. In a letter from the Governor of the State, addressed to Messrs. Drexel & Co., under date of Dec. 19, he remarks of the July interest:

"I will likewise add that, from the ample precautions adopted by our State Treasurer, I presume no difficulty will be experienced in meeting the payment of the interest which matures the 1st of the ensuing month, (January;) *neither is it probable, notwithstanding the decision referred to, that any delay will occur in meeting the payment of interest on the 1st of next July, as the greater part of such interest money has already been paid into the State Treasury, and will be appropriated by the Treasurer to the specific purpose for which the collection was made.*"

The Governor also takes the strongest ground in favor of the immediate action of the Legislature, soon to assemble, and of the result of which he has no doubt, for having the constitutional irregularity in the issue of the Debt corrected by popular vote. There is, he says, among the mass of the people, with the press, and the members of the Legislature, but one sentiment.

NORTHERN CROSS ROAD, ILLINOIS—MONTHLY EARNINGS.

1856.	Passenger.	Freight.	Mails & Ms.	Total.
July	$10,678	$11,955	$1,694	$23,671
August	10,665	25,067	1,053	36,785
September	19,954	25,091	1,725	46,801
October	15,262	27,566	1,117	44,945
November	11,815	22,961	1,133	35,910
December	*12,749*	*20,833*	*1,105*	*34,687*
Total	$74,125	$133,376	$7,319	$215,930
Expenses				*108,643*
Net Income for half year				$106,570

This is the first public return from the *Northern Cross Road, in Illinois, connecting the* Burlington and Chicago line with Quincy on the Mississippi River, opposite Hannibal, Mo. The result compares very favorably with the earlier traffic on the other links of the same great line. The Aurora branch, for example, earned in 56 miles the first six months, $109,621 in gross, against the above $215,222 on the Northern Cross. The Military Tract earned on 80 miles the first four months $55,901, against $145,074 the first four months on the Northern Cross. The extension of the line to the Missouri River by the Hannibal and St. Joseph Company will add a large East and West traffic to the whole property.

Mr. Thompson reports an active demand from the West has caused Land Warrants to advance two cents ⅌ acre. He now quotes as follows:

Buying Prices.		Selling Prices.	
40 acres	$1 10	40 acres	$1 15
80 acres	92	80 acres	96
120 acres	89	120 acres	92
160 acres	92	160 acres	96

The State Canal loan of $1,000,000, awarded at Albany, yesterday, at the average rate of $114 54, is the last of the Enlargement loans, and no further new Funded Debt of the State can now be created without an amendment of the Constitution. Loans in renewal of or to supply deficiencies in the payment of the principal or interest of the existing debt, may be made on the credit of the Sinking Fund.

The business at the Sub-Treasury to-day was: Receipts, $448,529 67; payments, $415,219 98; balance, $11,811,169 04.

The Pottsville *Miners' Journal* presents the following aggregates of the Coal Trade of 1856, as compared with the previous year:

	1856.	1855.
Anthracite—Lehigh	1,351,970	1,234,113
Schuylkill	3,398,855	3,267,413
Lackawanna and Wyoming	2,066,717	1,837,419
Total Anthracite	6,751,542	6,338,945
Semi-Bituminous	118,098	113,221
Bituminous—Cumberland	712,211	644,934
Foreign Bituminous	178,055	267,466
Total Penn., Md. & Foreign	7,661,846	7,556,676

The Dry Goods Import for the week is $2,872,727, against $1,808,841 the week ending Jan. 19, 1856. The following is the summary:

	Consumption Pieces.	Value.	Pkgs.	Warehouse. Value.	Pkgs.	Withdrawn. Value.
Manuf. of Wool	1,160	$433,659	196	$65,077	126	$42,466
Manuf. of Cot'n	3,067	664,442	1,579	352,651	761	159,507
Manuf. of Silk	1,266	722,803	394	135,177	113	92,391
Manuf. of Flax	890	277,639	460	90,074	262	39,189
Miscellaneous	1,705	177,999	323	27,136	322	14,398
Total	8,088	$2,276,542	2,950	$571,804	1,485	$347,741
		571,804				2,300,923
Total entered		$2,848,737	Total marketed			$2,648,664

BANKS OF NORTH CAROLINA, JANUARY, 1857.

	Discount.	Deposit.	Specie.	Circula'n.
Bank Cape Fear	499,170	680,777	$671,031	$1,000,000
Bank of the State	2,062,731	479,262	801,063	1,033,082
M'w's Bk. Newbern	176,644	85,758	28,008	146,256
Bk. of Fayetteville	268,248	47,473	46,401	209,977
Com. Bk. Wilm'ton	391,263	80,014	63,248	187,973
Bk. of Washington	405,470	51,372	48,310	201,068
Farm'r. Bk. of N.C.	320,227	36,254	70,003	448,140
Bk. of Windsor	721,420	80,293	40,223	362,056
Bk. of Charlotte	317,088	38,621	48,942	282,229
Bk. of Yanceyville	246,084	56,415	37,760	210,091
Bk. of Clarendon	465,277	34,800	44,026	358,171
Bk. of Wilmington	826,488	61,065	90,187	654,159
Totals	$6,650,973	$1,167,327	$1,371,053	$5,033,571

BANK OF MISSOURI—JANUARY, 1857.

Bills discounted	$3,511,408 61
Exchange matured	141,199 99
Exchange maturing	1,200,254 24
Real estate	96,254 94
Bills receivable	91,441 65
Suspended debit	79,669 50
Due from Banks	75,901 95
Bank notes on hand	196,010 00
Specie on hand	1,245,184 81
Total	$6,739,129 19
Capital stock owned by State	$854,900 00
Cap. st'k owned by individuals	961,200 00
	1,815,495 93
Due depositors	1,196,967 65
Dividends unpaid	2,715 36
Interest and exchange	$300,628 46
Less expenses	26,669 45
Less protest account	83 00—28,176 59—273,612 19
Contingent fund	156,857 59
Due to banks	111,894 87
Circulation	2,750,000 00
Total	$6,739,163 19

Banks of Boston, Jan. 1, 1857.

Capital.	1856.	1855.
Merchants' Bank	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
Mechanics' Bank	1,000,000	1,000,000
Michigan Insurance Bank	87,000	87,000
Total	$2,287,000	$2,287,000

Resources.	1856.	1855.
Farmers and Mechanics' Bank	$1,000,000	$916,573
Peninsular Bank	675,000	738,867
Michigan Insurance Bank	576,000	601,617
Total	$2,251,000	$2,256,057

Deposits.	1856.	1855.
Farmers and Mechanics' Bank	$ 49,251	$525,267
Peninsular Bank	578,000	561,733
Michigan Insurance Bank	738,014	568,400
Total	$1,365,000	$1,655,554

Circulation.	1856.	1855.
Farmers and Mechanics' Bank	$ 59,267	$137,000
Peninsular Bank	352,000	354,000
Michigan Insurance Bank